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FAIR HAVENS WITHDRAWS GREEN BELT APPLICATION

By Paul Giles

FAIR Havens has withdrawn plans to build a new hospice on Green Belt land off Belton Way, in Leigh, after planning officials recommended it should be refused.

The charity said it had requested more time to work on its planning application, alongside Southend Council, but was disappointed by the set back.

Fair Havens had submitted plans in September to build a larger adult hospice in the prime spot.

Chief executive of Havens

Chief executive of Havens Hospices, Andy Smith, explained the charity had always wanted to be judged on the merits of its case.

He said: "The officer's report shows we have not yet fully explained the urgent need for a new hospice for Southend.

"The report also called our plans 'aspirational'. Being criticised for wanting to provide the best care possible for local people is disappointing.

"In fact, what has been proposed is no different to other similar hospice facilities up and down the country, including Essex, and what is now expected from modern hospice care.

"The report does, however, agree with us that a new hospice is vital for our community. We welcome this opportunity to reflect and work with Southend Council on our next steps towards a new hospice to care for more local people.

"We will now be taking our time

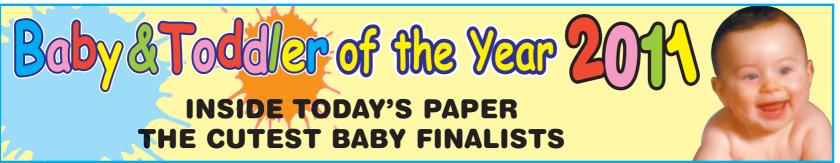
"We will now be taking our time to reflect on this report and what steps we take next."

Southend Council planning officers said they felt the 'very special circumstances' needed to build on Green Belt had not been fully demonstrated.

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Help feed the homeless

A CAMPAIGN has been launched to provide hot meals for homeless people over the forthcoming festive season

The Homeless Action Resource Project based (HARP) in Southend, is asking people to donate just £10 that will go towards buying someone a meal.

The campaign has received backing from Right Reverend Bishop Stephen Cottrell.

He said without charities like HARP more people would find themselves in frightening situated communities worse off.

He said: "As Christmas approaches – and as the nights turn cold – I would like you to think for a moment about those who do not have a home, or job, or support of a family and who may well be sleeping rough on the streets. "Therefore,

if vou could please look at your Christmas budget to find just £10 to donate and provide a Christmas dinner for a homeless person during the course of the 12 days of Christmas, then you will be giving a very special gift of hope.

Gary Turner, HARP service operations manager, explained donating £10 would give someone more than a Christmas meal.

He said: "It also offers the gift of hope to many people who are without a home or the support of a family

To make a donation to HARP'sChristmas Appeal please go to www.harpsouthend.org.uk and click on the 'Big Give' link – or donate by texting HOME43 followed by £10 to 70070.

Alternatively cheques made payable to HARP should be sent to: HARP, 117, York Road, Southend-on-Sea, Essex. SS1 2DL or call 01702 615000.

MEALS: Amanda Luxton preparing a meal for some homeless people in Southend.

Picture by Mark Cleveland



A COUPLE were abducted from a Southend street and beaten by a gang.

The incident happened in broad daylight as the man and woman were walking down Coleman Street, off Sutton Road.

A dark people carrier pulled up alongside them at 11am on Monday, November 28, and several men forced the couple into the vehicle.

During the abduction the 29-yearold man was hit with a weapon and was left with face and chest injuries and had his mobile phone stolen.

He was kicked out of the car in Station Road, in Westcliff, 30 minutes

The woman was later released from the car unharmed.

Investigating Officer, DC Lucy Bowman, said the vehicle was driven around the Southend and Westcliff areas for a considerable period of

She said: "One of the assailants was hanging out of it while it was on the move. He had been trying to close the door. Somebody - a motorist, pedestrian, shopper or retailer - would have seen this car.

"We're also looking to speak with anyone who recalls seeing this couple walking along Coleman Street."

The assailants are described as black, in their 20s, with three being approximately 6ft tall and one considerably shorter.

In addition, one of the taller men has a gold tooth while one of the others

has two scars on his face.

The vehicle is described as being dark, a seven-seater and approximately seven years old. It has tinted rear windows.

Three of the four men drove off in a new black Mercedes while the accomplice followed them in the people carrier.

Anyone with information in connection with this robbery is urged to contact detectives at Southend Police Station on 101.

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House fire

FIRE crews were called to a house fire in Hobley Thick Lane, in Southend, on Monday at 1.15am.

Crews wore breathing apparatus and used an aerial ladder to put the fire out.

The cause of the fire is unknown and the fire service and the police will carry out an investigation.

Gallery closed

DUE to the refurbishment of Southend Central Library, Focal Point Gallery will be closed from 9am on Friday, December 9, to 9am on Tuesday, December 20, 2012, when opening hours will resume as normal.

Road smash

POLICE are appealing for witnesses to a road crash in Southend.

The incident happened when a motorcycle and a vehicle hit each other at the junction of Woodgrange Drive and Park Lane shortly before 7pm on Thursday, December 1. The motorcyclist, a 54-year-old man

from Southend, was taken to hospital with leg injuries.

A police spokesman said: "The other vehicle failed to stop at the scene. It is believed to be dark in colour and will have front, passengerside damage."

Anyone with information should

contact Laindon Road Policing Unit on 0300 333 4444.

Hospital awarded

STAFF at Southend Hospital's maternity services has been awarded a safety accreditation.

The department has been awarded Clinical Negligence Scheme for Trusts level 2.

This is the first time it has achieved this ranking under a new tough standards criteria.

Two inspectors visited the hospital's maternity department to scrutinise the whole journey for women from the moment they become pregnant and book into the hospital until 10 days after the birth of their baby, when they see their community midwife for the last time.

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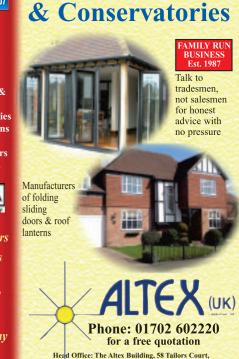


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New fundraising group formed

By Paul Giles

MARIE Curie Cancer Care has set up a new fundraising group in Southend.

Money raised by the group will support the Essex Nursing Group. Anne Hillion, community fundraiser for Marie Curie Cancer Care, thanked the Cliffs Pavilion for hosting the launch party on Tuesday, December 6. She said: "We are very excited

She said: "We are very excited that we have formed a new fundraising group in the Southend area and looking forward to more people joining the group.

"Group members can make an enormous difference locally by supporting Marie Curie's Essex Nursing Appeal, raising vital funds for the local Marie Curie Nursing Service, which provides free nursing care for people with terminal

illnesses in their own homes."

If you would like to find out more about your local fundraising group or joining them at their next meeting in January, please call Anne Hillion on 01920 469956 or you can send her an e-mail to anne.hillion@mariecurie.org.uk

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Town centre gets into the festive mood

LIVE performances to get people in the spirit of Christmas will be taking place in Southend High Street on Saturday.

These will include the Salvation Army Band, Funky Voices, and Southend Youth Arts plus more.

Christmas songs and carols will be performed throughout the day in various locations in the Town Centre.

Five-a-side football to be launched

SOUTHEND Tennis and Leisure Centre will be launching their new five-a-side competition in the New Year.

The minimum age of players is 16 and sessions in the main sports hall are charged at £5 per person.

Matches will take place weekly on Sundays between 6pm and 8pm. For more information, contact 01702 613000 or visit www.leisurecentre.com

Help keep paths clear of snow this winter

A SOUTHEND councillor is calling for public spirited citizens and local community groups to band together and help to keep pavements clear of snow and ice this winter.

Adam Jones, who represents the St Laurence ward, said: "An army of volunteer snow wardens could certainly assist with keeping pavements and driveways more accessible."

To give volunteers advice, support and guidance Southend Council has arranged to hold a drop-in session tomorrow (Thursday), between 1pm and 4pm at the Civic Centre in Victoria Avenue.

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Queen of Chat gives winnings to hospital

A WOMAN who suffered from breast cancer has helped donate £1,000 to Southend Breast Unit after she won a national competition.

Christine Taylor, of Westleigh Avenue, in Leigh, was crowned First Cape Cafe Collection's Queen of Chat after she sent in footage of her speaking about her life

The grandmother was chosen from 10 finalists who were voted for online.

She won a third of all the votes in the competition and was crowned at the end of last month by BBC TV's Strictly Come Dancing judge, Alisha Dixon, at Richmond Athletics Ground.

Christine, who suffered from breast cancer in September 1999, explained that the managing director of the wine company was so touched she was donating half of her prize, he said he would pay for it.
She said: "Everyone was so touched

at the ceremony they had tears in their eyes.
"I couldn't have done this competi-

tion without the help of the breast unit at the hospital.

"I'm so happy that I'm able to give back to the Southend Breast Unit.
"The unit saved my life, so I wouldn't

have been able to do the competition without their help."

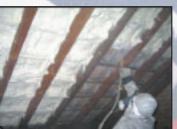
Christine, 60, said she would be spending half of her money on taking her granddaughters on holiday to Alicante and the other half on

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Our road is not a rat run'





By Paul Giles

A GROUP of residents have banded together to start a petition opposing dri-

vers using their road as a rat run.

More than 80 per cent of the people living in Wellstead Gardens, Chalkwell, have signed the petition to try and stop people using the road to cut through to Southbourne Grove.

Alan Perring, who has lived in the road for 26 years, said the traffic started to get worse 18 months ago when there were gas works taking place.

He said: "People found out they could use the road to avoid the traffic lights on Southbourne.

"As soon as they get into our road they put their foot down and speed along.

"We're worried because there are a lot of youngsters and pensioners living here.

"We want the council to come down and do something urgently before someone gets hurt.

Councillor James Courtney (Blenheim Park) said he will be presenting the peti-tion to Full Council tomorrow

(Thursday).

He said: "The cars burn it round there

"All the residents are doing is asking the council if something can be done about the issue.

"They are not demanding anything in particular they just want the council to come down and have a look to see if they can do anything to make it safer.

"I think its really good residents have bothered to contact me.

"Hopefully I will be able to get some sort of action for them over this issue."

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Man treated following fire

A MAN aged 46 suffered smoke inhalation after a fire in a house in Avenue Road, Westcliff, on Sunday at 3.37am.

He was cared for by the Ambulance service.

Fire crews used a thermal imaging cameras to insure the fire was out.

The fire was out by 5.41am.

Investigation into

AN INVESTIGATION has been launched into a fire at a property in Beedle Avenue, Westcliff, on Sunday at 12.53am.

The ground floor was heavily smoke logged when crews arrived.

They used breathing apparatus and two hose reels to put out the fire by 1.29am.

Flat fire

FIREFIGHTERS were called to a fire in a three storey block of flats in Windmill Steps, Kursaal Way, in Southend, on Saturday, at 7.24pm.

The fire was on the third floor of the building in the bin chute.

Crews put the fire out by 7.52pm and used a high pressure fan to clear the area of smoke.

An investigation into the cause of the fire as been launched by the fire service and Essex Police.

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BOXING BASH: Scott Cuba, James Chrisolm, and Mike Bourne preparing for the event.

A BOXING spectacular is being held to raise money for the Armed Forces charity Help For Heroes on Saturday.

The night will see a total of 15 bouts being fought at Talk nightclub in Southend.

The event is the brainchild of Scott Cuba, an events organiser and DJ, who has been working

alongside business partner James Chrisolm. James, who runs the Lockerroom Gym, in Southend, explained he had been training local youngsters in the art of boxing.

He said: "The discipline sets them right on track. Some of the lads will be fighting on the

right of the show displaying their skills.

"The aim for the show is to have the very best production plus a great after show party."

The event will focus on Essex boxers fighting

competitors from the rest of the UK.

A title fight will also take place between local lad Mike Bourne and Joe Katz. There will also be a guest appearance from Big Joe Egan.

Scott, who runs Pacha nights, explained there

would be great music to accompany fighters as well as pyrotechnics.

He said: "It's going to be one of the best boxing nights there is in this area.
"A lot of people do stuff for the charity, but the

service people are always in the news. "Whether you agree with what they are fighting

for or not, they deserve our support."

The Big Christmas Bash will be held at Talk nightclub on Saturday at 7pm.

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Refurbishment from a warehouse in Leigh. Entry was gained to the ware-

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The suspects have stolen around £20,000 worth of champagne from within, including rare bottles of 'Josephine Baker' champagne.

PC Jennifer Payne, the investigating officer, explained the champagne, which is named after a jazz singer, is extremely rare and Worsley Wines are the only UK stockholder.

She said: "They had not yet sold any of it, so any bottles found in the UK at the moment must be from this burglary."

Anyone who comes across these items for sale, or who witnessed any unusual activity near the site of the burglary on Saturday night, is urged to contact PC Payne at Leigh Police Station by calling 101, or Crimestoppers in confidence on 0800 555111.

A LIBRARY at Hockley Primary School has opened after undergoing major refurbishment.
Funding for the library was
raised by the PTA.
The library was opened by Mark
Francois, MP for Rayleigh and

Tax returns

HMRC is reminding anyone sending their tax returns online for the first time to get registered now, so they have plenty of time to file before the January 31 deadline.

The deadline for paper tax returns was October 31, meaning anyone who has not yet filed must now do so online. Register at www.hmrc.gov.uk/online

MP speaks out MP JAMES Duddridge has

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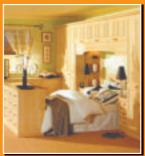
He said: "This airport is just not needed and is not wanted by the people of Southend."

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Waste trucks to give recycling message

WASTE trucks in Southend have been given a new look for this month to raise awareness of recycling.

Residents will be able to see new information pan-

els telling them how to recycle in a more effective way

tive way.
Southend councillor for waste, Tony Cox, said as the council aims to reach a recycling rate of 60 per

cent by 2015 as much needs to be done to show residents different ways of recycling.

of recycling.

He said: "We want to look after the environment toady, so that we can

have a better tomorrow.

"The new panels are easy to spot and they'll show how everyone can make the most of our brilliant, yet simple services."





TOP RATING: Robert Grimwood, project manager from Danfo UK Ltd mobile toilet operatives, Margaret Macdonald and David Freeman, Southend council team leader for waste management, Imran Kazalbash and senior contract manager for Cory Environmental,

Five star ratings for classy conveniences

A PAIR of the borough's classiest conveniences have just won five star ratings from national officials.

The winning toilets are at Marine Parade in City Beach, and at Crowstone Shelter, Chalkwell, were built by Danfo UK Ltd and are run by Southend-on-Sea Borough Council in partnership with Cory

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return will be wars, great

earthquakes, famine and

coming upon the world' He went on to tell his disci-ples, "Then they shall see the son of man coming on a cloud

with great power and glory."

(quoted from The New English Bible). The Bible tells us that follow-

ing Christ's return nations 'will

beat their swords into ploughshares', and war will become a thing of the past. Surely that is what we all

long and pray for, a time when violence will cease to exist, along with the causes of war,

such as greed and protestation.

Clifford and Ruth Wakeling,

Address supplied

plagues, distress within nations and people 'fainting with terror at the thought of all that is

Opinion and readers' letters

You do not rest your case

ALAN Runagall doesn't, as he claims, rest his case against my epistolary efforts in these pages so much as his mind me thinks.
(YA Dec 7th)
And whether he truly objects

to a little wordplay with that locution which is unfathomably connected to the grey matter between our ears, or really does not get its use in the sentence he cites, is neither here nor

For as someone who was sixteen during the Summer of Love, I've been long-schooled in the Bob Dylan way of get-

ting a message across.

By all means pick the pips out of it if you will, but at least go away with something thoughtful of your own and, heck, you shouldn't have to ask me to go into the ins and outs

of a feline's wotsit about it.
For quite how Alan and his
missus missed my point that
the overwhelmingly huge support for the proposed hospice on an end bit of Green Belt by Leigh Station must be taken into account by councillors when the application comes to be decided upon is decidedly mysterious

As equally mysterious as to how Karl Carpenter can appear on cue to tell us that he's got nothing to say – other than to diss me of course – and won't

be having anything to say from now on without any sense of irony - or shame for that matter – whatsoever. (same issue

And never mind his groovy uncle of the simian kind, do I give a monkey's about such empty-headed criticism stuck Lord knows where?

I'm irrelevant ... so are they ... the issue is not.
And if this hospice proposal gets knocked back because of a well-connected local clique dri-ving councillors bonkers in the very teeth of such huge support for it both in Leigh, boroughwide and beyond, it will be a disgrace that must surely be rectified by the appeals proce-

Otherwise what is democracy all about?

What is Southend Council all

John Haran,

Is history repeating itself?

WELCOME to the United States of Germany, willingly agreed to by the leaders of 26 euro- countries, if not necessarily by their people.

Does history repeat itself? In the mid/late 1800s, at the end of the First Reich, Germany persuaded a large number of independent states, dukedoms

and principalities to let Germany "administer" them. Control by economics, expan-sion of Germany and success.

The next attempt at German expansion, the Second Reich, resulted in the First World War, defeat and failure.

The Third Reich, Hitler's, again attempted expansion by invasion and resulted in the Second World War, defeat and failure.

Germany, always wanting more space (Liebensraum) and more control has learned by past mistakes.

Together with its French poodle it will control the finances, budgets and tax of the other 26 euro members.

Thus this present Fourth Reich has achieved control by economic means, as in the

Remember, Germany recently destroyed democracy in Greece and Italy by insisting on the removal of incumbent, elected Presidents and replacing them with (unelected) leaders more

acceptable to Germany.
Finally, I recently turned up a magazine article I had written in May 1998 before the launch

of the Euro.

I began "Following energetic manipulation of the convergence (entry) criteria by a number of prospective Euro members", notably Portugal, Ireland, Italy, Greece and Spain. So, no surprises there.

Anyone for the Euro?

John Foster, Address supplied

Thank you for the donations

ON BEHALF of Essex Search and Rescue I would very much like to thank the residents of Southend for their generosity on Saturday 26th November 2011, when a street collection in Southend High Street raised £486.86. There were no expenses incurred and the entire amount collected will benefit the charity.

Essex Search & Rescue is a team of trained specialist vol-unteers who are on call 24 hours a day to work with Essex Police in the event of a high risk or vulnerable person going missing. The charity receives no public funding, and these kind donations from members of the public will help the team to continue this service to the county of Essex going forward. More information on the work of the team can be found at www.essexsearchandrescue.org

> Matt Cloke, chairman, Essex Search & Rescue

Do people know the true meaning of Christmas?

I'M NOT a Bah humbug, but I can't help but thinking that Christmas in this day and age is pretty much pointless.

The reason I say this is becasue the whole thing has become far too commercialised and hardly anyone actually celebrates the reason we have Christmas.

If you ask 100 children why we have Christmas, I bet almost all of them would say 'Father Christmas' rather than 'Jesus Christ'.

I think it is about time that people remember the true meaning of Christmas.

Name and address supplied

John keeps me amused

THE INDECIPHERABLE prose from the verbose John Haran and the reaction it solicits continues to amuse me week after week.

John's latest missive was relatively short being a mere 428 words long.

I assume that John Haran is

the nom-de-plume of this newspaper's editor and is designed to keep Julian Ware-Lane off the page. Yours in only 62 words

David Benton, Cleveland Drive, Westcliff

Path is well used by public

WITH reference to the letter by John Haran 'All quiet on the Western front in Leigh

Many residents park in the locality to cycle or ramble across Hadleigh Downs, often stopping off at the Salvation Army café at Hadleigh Castle. It is a much loved and much used route.

I think the manner in which the Hospice authority initiated this application, and the lack of thought given to the divisions it would create in the local community extremely sad.

Thank you for the music

I ENTERED a competition to win tickets to see 'Thank you for the Music' at the indigO2.

I won the tickets and my wife

and I have just returned from a and I have just retained from a great evening out at this event listening to Bee Gees and ABBA songs, dancing and singing along with the gorup.

I am just writing to say thank you for running the competition. May you run more.

> Malcolm Yates, via e-mail.

The ancient unused footpath he mentions is one of the most walked in the Borough.

Barry Edwards, Exford Ave, Westclif

I applaud Cameron DAVID Cameron is not my

favourite politician, but I applaud his recent stand in apprated his recent stand in Brussels against Angela Merkel and Nicolas Sarkozy. I am reminded of Winston Churchill's words after the 8th

Army's victory in the Battle of Al Alamein. "This is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the begin-

ning."

We have a long way to go, but I believe that we shall eventually regain independence and sovereignty for our once great country and be free again to govern ourselves instead of being governed by foreigners.

Richard Clements, Address supplied

We will never have a human saviour

A FRIEND has drawn our attention to the letter you have published under the heading, 'Where is our saviour for our nation?' (November 10).

While we do not entirely agree with your correspondent's negative views on our politicians, as committed Christians who read the Bible every day, we do not believe that humankind will ever pro-duce a saviour capable of solv-ing the world's mounting prob-

However, the answer to the question posed by your head-line is not complex in our view.

Over the Christmas period church congregations will be reminded that Jesus Christ was born to be a saviour. In that capacity He promised to return to set up God's Kingdom on earth.

He emphasised this when addressing his disciples just before his crucifixion and subsequent resurrection.

According to Luke's gospel (chap.21) the signs of His

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CARBON dioxide (CO2) is essential to life on earth. We cannot even breathe without it and it is the food plants breathe

to make them grow.

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And yet the Government is promoting an irrational fear of CO2 to blight areas of natural beauty with wind farms and to impose carbon taxes that dam-

age the economy.

Also their carbon taxes are putting up fuel prices and heating bills and at the same time they are reducing winter fuel allowances! This is forcing many to choose between 'Eat or Heat'!

Are the Government hoping to meet their population targets, not by cutting immigra-tion, but by culling the elderly in winter?

Name and address supplied

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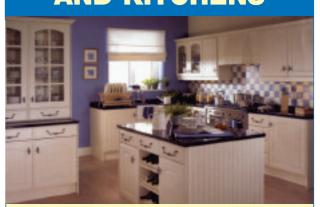
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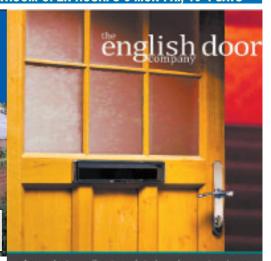
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■ Modern Sequence Dancing, St Andrew's Church Hall, Electric Avenue, Westcliff, every Saturday 7-9.30pm, Henry 01702 293794.

Sunday, December 18

■ Walk, South East Essex Ramblers Group, Burnham-on-Crouch, meet Sainsbury's near Rayleigh Weir, 10am, pub and all amenifies at end of walk, call Graham 01268 685000.
■ Dinner Jazz, Ron Spack, Westcliff Hotel, Westcliff, 1pm, 01702 345247.
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■ Sunday Club, TGH Evangelical Church,
Kiln Road, Thundersley, (children 3-12 years),
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■ Jazztet with Graham Hunter (trumpet) and

Monday, December 19

Dave Mascall (guitar), Oakwood, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, 8.30pm, call 01702

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James Church Hall, Elmsleigh Drive, Leigh Mondays 7.30-10.15pm, new members

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Tuesday, December 20

■ Walk, Friends' Group ES60, meet The Bell, Danbury, 10.30am, includes pub lunch, four mile walk. mile walk. ■ Singles Club, Just Good Friends, for over

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Romantica's popular New Year's Eve party night gets inundated with calls at the last minute and last year its owner could have sold it out at least three times over.

With so many people disappointed last year its owner, Antonio Dinallo, and his son Marco, are reminding regulars and anyone else interested in the evenings to book as soon as possible – as Christmas Day and Boxing Day have been sold out for three months!

The New Year's Eve Disco Party Night, which has remained at the same price of £49.95 per person for more than 10 years, will be the ultimate way to see in 2012. It includes a three-course meal – from a choice of five of the restaurant's finest starters and main meals – as well as $\,$ a delicious dessert and coffee. Christmas novelties, music during the evening, and a disco party night, as well as your table for the whole evening.
Christmas Eve also looks set to be

popular so do not delay and book today. The evening includes your table for the night, as well as the chance to either enjoy a delicious three-course set menu plus coffee for £19.95 or any of the wonderful dishes from it's a la carte menu, and entertainment from John Lloyd and his Christmas Eve Swing Show later in the evening.



La Romantica, at 9 High Street, Rayleigh, puts on fantastic Cabaret Nights throughout the year and even more during the run-up to Christmas. The evenings, which cost just £19.95 per person all year round, include a three-course set menu and coffee and a few tables are still available this December.

Evenings include Emerson, one of the UK's leading Michael Jackson tributes, with his Thriller Tribute on December 22, and Elvis on December 23. There's also the Motown Sisters on December 16. and a Luther Vandross evening with

Harry Cambridge, from television's Stars in Your Eyes, on December 15, which costs £22.95 per person.

The restaurant is the ideal place for festive celebrations throughout December, with three-course Christmas Lunches costing just £15.95 per person, and three-course evening meals for just £19.95.

La Romantica, which prides itself on its authentic cuisine and charming service, has been a firm favourite with diners for more than 42 years and offers an outstanding a la carte menu including a wide range of fresh fish and meat bought

specially from London's Billingsgate and Smithfield mar-

The restaurant which would like to wish all of its customers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, seats up to 65 people, offers value-for-money deals throughout the year, and can be hired for a wide range of occasions.

For further information about La Romantica, which is open from 5pm till late from Tuesday to Saturday, and all day Sunday, call 01268 771512 or visit www.laromanticarestaurant.co.uk



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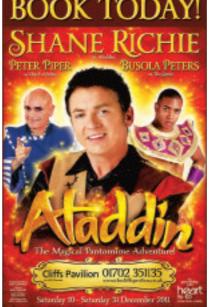
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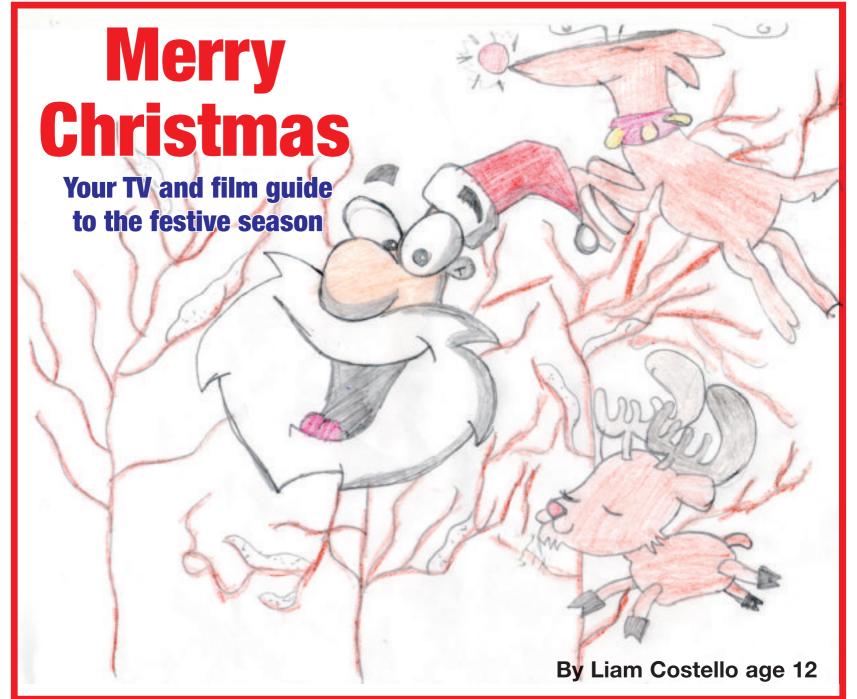
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As Annie Rigg, author of Gifts From the Kitchen, explains, while homemade gifts demonstrate love, originality and creativity, "foodie gifts double those magic ingredients".

But before you groan at the idea of complicated recipes and begin typing 'Amazon Present Mum'

into Google, it's worth remembering that your cooking skills don't need to be up to much, as long as the final result is presented with a bow and a smile.

So the next time you head to the organic section of the supermarket looking for eco-friendly jam, with a frilly retro cloth cap to improve your mood in the morning, stop and think, 'Could I make that?' And, if so, you might be ready to get creative in the kitchen this Christmas..

Here are some of Annie's fabulous ideas...

Raspberry and rose chocolate wafers

- (Makes about 24 wafers)
 150g quality dark chocolate (72% cocoa solids)
- 150g good quality white chocolate 3-4tbsp freeze-dried raspberry crispies (approx 25g)
- 3-4tbsp crystallized rose petals
 3-4tbsp pink sugared rose chips or sugar

Line two large baking sheets with non-stick baking parchment. Break the dark and white chocolate into

pieces and melt separately in heatproof bowls set over pans of barely simmering water. Stir until smooth, remove from the heat and cool slightly. Spoon heaped tea-spoonfuls of melted chocolate on to the prepared baking sheets, spreading the chocolate into discs with the back of the spoon. Scatter with the raspberry crispies, rose petals and rose chips or sugar sprinkles

Set aside to cool and harden completely before removing from the parchment with a palette knife.

Stored in an airtight container, these will keep for four to five days.



Cashew and almond barfi

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- 125g caster sugar
- 397g can of condensed milk75ml full fat milk
- · half tsp ground cardamom

- 1tsp rosewater
 2tbsp clarified butter or ghee
 6 sheets of edible silver leaf

Line a 20cm square baking tin with lightly oiled baking parchment. Tip the cashews into a food processor and blend until finely ground. Add the ground almonds and pulse for a further 30 seconds. Mix with the caster sugar, condensed milk, full-fat milk, ground cardamom and rosewater.

Heat the clarified butter or ghee in a large non-stick frying pan and add the nut mixture. Stir constantly over a low heat for about 10-15 minutes, until the mixture thickens and comes away from the pan smoothly in a thick mass. It should be the consistency of a loose bread dough or choux pastry.

Tip the mixture into the prepared tin and spread level with either a palette knife or a rubber spatula. Leave to cool for 10 min-

Very carefully peel one sheet of silver leaf at a time from the book and lay on the surface of the barfi to completely cover it. Leave to set completely, then cut into diamonds with a sharp knife or a pizza wheel.

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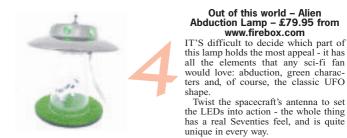


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s times with these games

2011, the arrival of a new toy category. It might not be up there with a total eclipse or discovery of a new species, but app

toys are set to be big news this year.

This range of peripherals is designed to add an extra dimension to your mobile phone gaming –

and they are starting to arrive right now.

From those that'll enable you to remote control a car from your handset to those that'll turn your mobile into a mini-arcade machine, they're unlikely to stay on the shelves for long.

Here is a selection of six top app toys.

Alien Eliminator – Appgun – £19.99 from www.apptoyshop.com

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S A former Scrooge, a visit to Esprit A Santa's Lapland has changed everything. Riding reindeers, huskies and Santa sleighs is one way to set you on a

journey to festive cheer quick smart.

My boyfriend and I were one of few couwithout children in tow but as child-

ples without children in tow but as child-free bystanders it was obvious ages were all-important to 'Lap up' the experience. Nothing prepares you for the sub-zero temperatures, in our case -22C. Average December temperatures usually hover around -12C but can dip as low as -30C. Standing in everyday winter clothes, there's no extreme wind chill but the cold is beyond comprehension with a Jack Frost bite to your ears and nose.

bite to your ears and nose

Temperatures are soon forgotten at the quaint airport of Ivalo when a man wearing traditional furs is standing outside with a beautiful white reindeer to greet us.

An elf leaps around talking gibberish and directs everyone onto private coaches, which take around 30 minutes to reach the accommodation in Saariselka, way up in Lapland's snowy far north.

Lapiand's snowy far north.

It's a great opportunity to soak up the snowy scenes as the kids enter into the spirit singing along to Christmas carols – and as my feet de-frost, I warm up to the idea of festive cheer.

Light in Lapland is scarce in December

with around four hours of daylight in the early afternoon and two to three hours of 'grey light' either side, rather like twilight. Grand plans for snow chic go out of the

By Lisa Haynes

frosted window as we line up for the allimportant weather-proof clothing, com-prising thermal outersuit, two pairs of thick woollen socks, snow boots, gloves

and hats – all provided free of charge.
Your packing checklist needs to focus on what's underneath your outersuit. It's also wise to take extra mittens and balaclavas or scarves to cover face and ears.

Lugging a Santa's sack-worth of clothing, we crush through the thick white snow to our hotel, Riekonlinna.

Situated close to the village centre, it's a popular family hotel and our room is clean but basic. We test out our haul of snow-friendly fashion with a tobogganing ses-sion in the dedicated slope two minutes walk from the hotel.

Adults and kids alike are bombing down

the hill and the sheer thickness of the snow ensures any tumbles are painless. Snowmobile safaris and Northern Lights

visits are paid-for optional activities and weather dependent. Sadly, our chance to see the breathtaking Aurora Borealis lights

were scuppered by an evening snowstorm.
On a 'Santa's Magic' package, the twonight whistlestop break is geared towards
the winter wonderland activity day so it's
wise to be fresh for the early start, which makes the most of the short daylight hours.

I'm thrilled as we're pulled around the stunning snowy forest (aka Santa's grounds) in a cosy sleigh by jingling rein-

deers and then at breakneck speed by our very own team of six beautiful huskies – undoubtedly the highlight of my trip.
There's also the opportunity to try your

luck with ice fishing and get creative making snow carvings with blocks of ice and tools for each family.

The wonderland log cabin is a haven for regular breaks to sup on hot drinks and thaw out and refuel with a simple but sustaining lunch of soup, spaghetti and meatballs. Children trudge in from the snow with

beaming faces, presents and high-pitched voices after their visit to see Santa Claus.

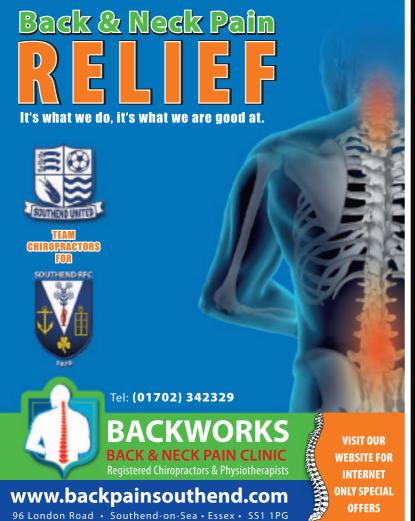
Every family enjoys their own private scheduled visit. Soon, it was time for Ms Scrooge to meet her match and visit the man himself.

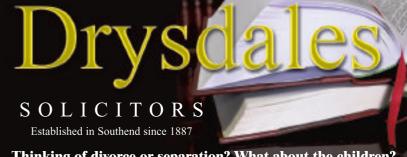
A snowmobile whisks us off at speed into the picturesque woods, stopping at clues to his presence – piles of presents, a sleigh – until we finally reach the highly convincing traditional wooden cabin where excitable elves are throwing snowballs and jumping up and down at our arrival. Suddenly, I feel six years old again. White-bearded Santa welcomes us into

withe-bearder Salna werconies us into his present-laden home and maintains the magic, talking in that gruff voice about his duties and even cracking a corny joke about his wife – "Mary Christmas".

My boyfriend leaves Santa's hut punching

the air. I can only imagine the excitement a young child might feel. This is certainly one way to guarantee the perfect Christmas and wave farewell to your inner Scrooge.





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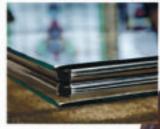


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Save while you splurge on your Christmas goodies

By Hannah Stephenson

PRESENTS, food, decoration, entertaining – it all adds up. And while most of us love the festivities of Christmas, the extra cost can cause headaches.

Money expert Andrew Hagger of moneynet.co.uk advises setting a budget and sticking to it – that way you'll have everything you need without the stress of overloaded credit cards once January rolls

in.
"It might sound like a horrible task, but making a budget plan is actually quite easy," said Andrew. "Just decide what you're going to buy, make a list and stick to it. Don't be tempted by those goodies on offer, that sale rack you're walking past or the tasty little treats at the check-

He suggests shop-

which can work wonders for your stress levels, as you'll avoid all the busy, bustling shops and whether or not that must-have toy will actually be in stock or not. It also helps you to avoid temptation so that sale bar-gain simply can't fall into your basket unless you really want it to!

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ASK yourself how big the turkey really needs to be. You just need enough to feed the family and friends around your Christmas table, with a little left over for sandwiches on Boxing Day.

"Don't go mad with luxury range Christmas items such as puds," said Andrew. "People won't be that both-

It's worth keeping an eye out for special offers and stocking up as and when you see the deals. It's a good idea to buy wine in bulk as well. Lots of supermarkets offer extra discount if you buy six bottles.

And don't be afraid to ask anyone

joining you for lunch to be in charge of one part of the meal. They'll enjoy feeling like they've helped and you'll save some pennies in the

Penny pinching

IF YOU need to buy

some make-up between now and Christmas, ask for free samples – they make great stocking fillers!
Those with toddlers should explore

charity shops for quality secondhand toys in good condition. Clean them up, wrap them in Christmas paper and they'll never notice the

For older children, splash out on a



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board game. It'll keep them entertained over the winter and will also occupy the whole family on Christmas Day.

And if that Christmas card list is making you feel guilty, send e-cards instead. It's more eco-friendly and you'll save money on cards and

It's also worth taking advantage of the 'three for two' deals on offer in

many shops.

And if you have a big family, maybe only buy for the children – adults aren't going to mind when money's tight.

All decked out

GET the kids involved with making

the Christmas decorations this year.

Dig out glitter and shiny paper from old craft boxes in the toy cupboard or stock up on tinsel, glue and paper chains from Poundland.

Try sewing popcorn on to thread for a rustic mantelpiece decoration or scour your local park for pine cones and use them as decorations at the base of candles or in pot pourri you can even jazz them up with gold or silver spray.

Be eco with energy

YOU may have splashed out on festive outdoor lights – but don't leave them on all night! Just a couple of hours in the evening will do, to get every one in the mood.

Inside, replace regular lights with energy saving ones. LED lights use less energy than conventional

Christmas ones.

Try not to let your heating bill blow the budget.

"Turn your thermostat down by one degree," suggests Andrew. "It may not sound like much but could help cut your heating bills by a noticeable amount."

Keep the curtains closed when you go to bed to keep the heat in and use draught excluders by the front door to keep the cold air out.

Easy entertaining

IF YOU want to go out, head for the nearest green space or beach to blow the cobwebs away on Christmas Day. Your library should list local walks and other events to keep the family

Look for budget family days out with English Heritage too, where kids can listen to storytellers or take

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We won't be visiting The Royle Family this Christmas it's been reported that Craig Cash and Caroline Aherne were struggling to get the script ready on time. But that doesn't mean we'll miss out on seeing Sue Johnston playing a matriarch this festive season, as BBC have given her a new clan, the Lewises of Birkenhead, for comedy drama Lapland. Sue stars as Eileen Lewis whose large, close-knit family save all year round to make Christmas special. This year, they're really pulling the stops out and going to Lapland on a package tour that will take in huskies and reindeers hopefully a sighting of the northern lights, and a definite trip to Santa's Grotto. But while it should be the holiday of a lifetime, they discover that Lapland also holds some extra surprises - and not all of them will be pleasant. With a supporting cast that includes Stephen Graham, Julie Graham (no relation), Elizabeth Berrington and Keith Barron, Lapland should hopefully stop us feeling too bereft about being deprived of Jim, Denise and co spending Christmas on the

BBC1

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- Romantic drama, starring Val Kilmer and Mira Sorvino. 2.55 Weatherview 3.00 BBC News

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies 7.00 CBBC 8.50 FILM: Jump In! (2007) Drama, starring Corbin Bleu. 10.10 FILM: Bicentennial Man (1999) Sci-fi Bicentennial Man (1999) Sci-fi drama, starring Robin Williams. 12.10 FILM: Homeward Bound II: Lost in San Francisco (1996) Animal adventure sequel, with the voice of Michael J Fox. 1.35 Pappano's Essential Tosca 2.35 Tosca from the Royal Opera House 4.45 Christmas University Challenge 5.15 Dad's Army 5.45 Carols from King's 7.00 The John Craven Years Documentary charting the TV

Documentary charting the TV presenter's career, which has spanned 40 years. Featuring interviews with Jon Culshaw, Noel Edmonds and Martin Bell. 8 00 Morecambe and Wilson

B.00 Morecambe and Wise Memorable moments from the memorable moments from the comedy duo's Christmas shows, featuring appearances by newsreader Angela Rippon, singer Shirley Bassey and conductor Andre Previn.

9.00 The Many Faces of Les Dawson Profile of the Manchester-born comedian charting his rise to stardom through the characters he played, with a commentary provided by his peers

10.00 The Best of Les Dawson 10.00 The Best of Les Dawson Tribute to the comedian. 10.25 Top of the Pops 2: Christmas Special Mark Radcliffe presents Christmas music from the BBC archive.

11.55 Blackadder Rides Again A celebration of the classic

comedy.

12.55 Never Mind the Buzzcocks
1.25 FILM: Holiday in Handcuffs (2007) Romantic comedy, starring Melissa Joan Hart and Mario Lopez. 2.50 Close

6.00 CITV 8.15 FILM: Tom and Jerry: The Magic Ring (2002) Premiere. Animated comedy, with the voice of Jeff Bennett, 9.25 FILM: Santa Claus: The Movie (1985) Family fantasy adventure, starring Dudley Moore. 11.30 Coronation Street 1.25 ITV News, Weather 1.45 FILM: The Polar Express (2004) Animated adventure, with the voice of Tom Hanks. 3.35 FILM: ET: The Extra-Terrestrial (1982) Sci-fi fantasy, with Henry Thomas. 5.45 ITV News; Weather

6.00 You've Been Framed!

6.00 You've Been Framed!
Christmas Special Harry Hill
narrates a festive edition.
6.30 The Cube Celebrity Special
Coronation Street special in
which actors Ryan Thomas (Jason Grimshaw) and Julie (Jason Grimshaw) and Julie Hesmondhalgh (Hayley Cropper) boldly take on the Cube in honour of their chosen charities.

7.30 Text Santa Ant and Dec are laised the Libble Affilia upbe to a company of the company of the

joined by Holly Willoughby to host the conclusion of the festive fundraising initiative, with guests from the worlds of TV, music and showbiz dropping by

10.00 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Donny Osmond The singer talks about his life and

11.00 ITV News; Weather 11.15 Carols from Bucklebury Traditional festive service from Berkshire

12.15 FILM: Connie and Carla 12.15 FILM: Connie and Caria (2004) Comedy, starring Toni Collette and Nia Vardalos. 2.10 FILM: Spartacus (1960) Roman epic, with Kirk Douglas. 5.20 ITV Nightscreen 5.55 ITV Morning

Channel 4

7.15 FILM: Garfield (2004) Family comedy, with the voice of Bill Murray. 8.45 Olive, the Other Reindeer 9.40 Prep & Landing 10.10 FILM: Charlotte's Web (2006) Family drama, with the voice of Julia Roberts. 12.00 FILM The Muppet Christmas Carol (1002) Purpet Services (1992) Puppet comedy, starring Michael Caine. **1.40** Gordon's Michael Caine. 1.40 Gordon's Christmas Cookalong – Get Ready 1.50 Jamie's Christmas with Bells On 2.55 Jamie's Christmas with Bells On 4.00 Deal or No Deal: Deal Panto 5.00 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions 5.30 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions

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6.00 Come Dine with Me Extra
Portions
6.30 Come Dine with Me Extra
Portions
7.00 Channel 4 News

7.05 4thought.tv Lucy Porter explains why she still loves the festive season.

festive season. 7.15 FILM: Hairspray (2007) Premiere. Musical comedy, starring Nikki Blonsky

9 20 Home for the Holidays The climax of the entertainment show. Last in the series. 10.55 Bill Bailey: Dandelion Mind A stand-up show loosely

based on the theme of doubt. 11.55 Father Ted Christmas

Special Dougal and Ted get lost in a lingerie department.

1.05 Music on 4: Inputoutput 1.15 Comedy Lab: Kabadasses 1.45 Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows – T4 Movie Special 2.00 Cee Lo Takes the UK: Christmas with All the Goodies 2.10 FILM: Ashes of Time Redux (1994) Wong Kar-Wai's drams, starring Leslie Cheung. 3.45 Southland 4.30 World War II: The Last Heroes 15.25 Brothers & Sisters

5.25 Brothers & Sisters

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 10.15 Chef Donald 10.20 ThunderCats 10.55 Meerkat Manor 11.25 Ice Road Truckers: Deadliest Roads 12.25 Charley Deadliest Hoads 12.25 Charley Boorman's Extreme Frontiers 1.30 Cars: Mater the Greater 1.35 FILM: Mrs Miracle (2009) Family drama, starring Doris Roberts. 3.25 FILM: Meet the Santas (2005) Fantasy weet the Santas (2005) Faniasy comedy sequel, with Steve Guttenberg. 5.05 FILM: Scrooge – A Christmas Carol (1951) A hard-hearted skinflint is taught the error of his ways by a succession of spectral visitors. Adaptation of

Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol, with Alastair Sim, Including 7.00 Eddie Stobart's Christmas **Delivery** Festive edition of the series, in which the company's

truckers battle winter conditions truckers battle winter condition to ensure shops and councils receive their supply of Christmas trees and salt. 7.55 5 News Weekend 8.00 The Gadget Show Christmas Eve Special Suzi

Perry investigates 4G communications, Jason Bradbury examines products due to hit the shops in 2012, and Jon Bentley views a helmet designed for fighter-jet pilots

9.00 Greatest Christmas TV .00 Greatest Christmas TV Moments Countdown of 50 Christmas TV crackers, featuring Gavin & Stacey, Morecambe and Wise, Only Fools and Horses, Wallace and Gromit,

Horses, Wallace and Gromit, Doctor Who, Top of the Pops and The Royle Family. 12.00 SuperCasino 4.00 Great Artists 4.25 Divine Designs 4.50 Rough Guide to Beaches 5.00 Hana's Helpline 5.10 The Milkshake! Show 5.35 Thomas & Friends 5.45 Roary the Racing Car

Movie Choices

REBECCA (1940) The naive second wife of a wealthy Cornish landowner is forced to live in the shadow of her glamorous predecessor. Romantic drama, starring Laurence Olivier and Joan Fontaine. Sky Movies Classics 11.20am-1.35pm

THE SOUND OF MUSIC

THE SOUND OF MUSIC
(1965) A cheerful novice nun
brings joy into the lives of seven
children when she becomes
their governess. Rodgers and
Hammerstein musical, starring
Julie Andrews and Christopher
Plummer. Sky Movies
Christmas 4:30-730pm
WINCHESTER '73 (1950)
A crack shot challenges his
father's killer to compete against
him for the prize of the perfect
weapon in a shooting
competition. Western, with
James Stewart. Sky Movies
Classics 5:20-7pm
CATCH ME IF YOU CAN

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Classics S.20-7pm
CATCH ME IF YOU CAN
(2002) A conman lies his way
across America, posing as a
pilot, a doctor and a lawyer,
while outwitting the FBI at every
turn. Fact-based drama, starring
Leonardo DiCaprio and Tom
Hanks. Sky Movies Crime &
Thriller 6.35-9pm
EASY A (2010) A teenage girl
lies about her non-existent
sexual history, and uses the
resulting rumours to become
the talk of the school. Teen
comedy, with Emma Stone and
Penn Badgley. Sky Movies
Comedy 9.30-11.10pm
BLACK SWAMI (2010) A
repressed, sheltered ballet

repressed, sheltered ballet dancer is encouraged to explore her darker impulses by a director, at the risk of her sanity.

Drama, starring Natalie Portman and Mila Kunis. **Sky Movies Indie** 10.00-11.50pm

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Fantasy action adventure, starring
Dwayne Johnson. 8.00 FILM: Nanny
McPhee (2005) A widower is struggling to
control his seven unruly children, until a
strange-looking nanny steps in. Period
fantasy adventure, with Emma Thompson.
10.00 Celebrity Juice: Christmas Special
11.00 FILM: The Bourne Identity (2002)
Thriller, starring Matt Damon. 1.25 Peter
Andre: My Life at Christmas 2.25 FILM:
Wedding Daze (2006) 3.55 Comedy Cuts
5.35 ITV2 Nightscreen

Satellite & Digital

SKY1 6.00 A Different Breed 7.00
Ballroom High 8.00 Brainiac Christmas
Cracker 9.00 WWE Superstars 10.00
Soccer AM 12.00 35mm 12.30 The
Simpsons 1.30 Modern Family Christmas
2.00 Skellig 4.00 Futurama 4.30 Mission:
Impossible — Ghost Protocol Special 5.00
Futurama Christmas 6.00 Noel's
Christmas Presents 7.30 Futurama 9.00

FILM: Evolution (2001) 10.55 A Very Gaga Holiday 12.25 An Idiol Abroad 2.15 Road Wars 3.55 The Great British Christmas 5.10 Sell Me the Answer SKY ATLANTIC 6.00 Star Trek: Enterprise 11.00 The Devil's Dinner Party 4.00 ER 9.00 Boardwalk Empire 10.15 In Treatment 12.15 The King's Speech Special 12.30 Enlightened 1.05 Hung 1.40 Bored to Death 2.45 This Is Jinsy 3.15 The Devil's Dinner Party 4.15 Blue Bloods 5.10 Inside the Actors Studio

BBC3 7.00 Great Movie Mistakes 2011:
Not in 3D 8.00 Top Gear 9.20 FILM: Son of Rambow (2008) Premiere. Coming-of-age comedy, starring Bill Milner. 10.50
EastEnders 11.20 Family Guy 12.05
American Dad? 2.20 Shrei: Once Upon A
Time 3.15 Great Movie Mistakes 2011:
Not in 3D 5.15 Close
BBC4 7.00 Timeshift: The Golden Age of Trams – A Streetcar Named Desire 8.00
The Pharanoh Who Conquered the Sea
9.00 FILM: Land of the Pharaohs (1955)

Eric historical drama, starring Jack
Hawkins. 10.40 Timeshift: Epic – A Cast of
Thousands! 11.40 The Doris Day Special
12.35 Legends: Doris Day: Virgin Territory
1.35 Doris Day – A Sentimental Journey
2.35 Andy Williams Christmas Show 3.05
Sacred Music 4.05 Close
1TTV2 6.00 Emmerdale 8.30 The Planet's
Funniest Animals 8.50 The X Factor USA
12.10 Dick Whitington 1.40 Cinderella
3.15 Aladdin 4.45 Jack and the Beanstalk
6.15 FILM: The Scorpion King (2002)



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Doctor Who, BBC1,

7pm Another festive season another Doctor Who special the seventh since the show was resurrected in 2005 This time, the action begins in a rather slapstick way. 'The Doctor finds himself in this spacesuit which he crashes to earth in, and the helmet is on backwards so he can't see where he's going. It's very funny,' says Matt Smith, who's back as the 11th incarnation of the Time Lord, 'I always wanted to make a Christmas special, and really enjoyed st year's. And now this one it's definitely one of my favourites to make, because of the scale of it.' This time he's all on his lonesome - there's no Rory, Amy or even River to accompany him. Instead, the Doctor tries to create the perfect Christmas for two children who've been evacuated to Dorset with their mother during the Second World War. But the present he gives them transports them to a magical forest with dark undercurrentsÖ Claire Skinner plays mum, who's been forcibly separated from her husband, portrayed by Alexander Armstrong, who's an RAF pilot. Meanwhile, Bill Bailey, Arabella Weir and Paul Bazely pop up as a trio of intergalactic park rangers everyone meets during their

iaunt into the other world.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast 9.00 The Nativity 10.00 Christmas Day Eucharist from Lichfield Cathedral 11.00 Songs of Praise – Christmas Day Big Sing 11.40 Morecambe and Wise 12.25 BBC News; Weather 12.35 FILM: Kung Fu Panda (2008) Animated comedy, with the voice of Jack Black 2.00 Top of the Pops Christmas 2011 3.00 The Cueen 3.10 FILM: Monsters vs Aliens (2009) Premiere. Animated sci-fi comedy, with the voice of Reese Witherspoon 4.35 BBC News; Weather 4.50 FILM: Ratatouille (2007) Premiere. Pixar animated comedy.

animated comedy.

6.30 The Gruffalo's Child
Animated sequel, with the voice
of Robbie Coltrane.

7.00 Doctor Who The Time Lord

helps a wartime widow and her children realise their dreams.

8.00 Strictly Come Dancing Christmas Special 2011 With Barry McGuigan, Su Pollard, Simon Webbe, Debra Stephenson and Charlie Brooks.

Stephenson and Charlie Brooks
9.00 EastEnders Hour-long
episode. Masood sets out to
bring Kamil home.
10.00 Absolutely Fabulous
Edina and Patsy return for the
first of two specials.

10.30 Michael McIntyre's
Christmas Comedy Roadshow
Festive giggles, with guests
Jack Dee, Miranda Hart, James
Corden and Kylie Minogue.
11.30 BBC News: Weather

11.50 Have I Got a Bit More News for You 12.30 The Graham Norton Show Christmas Special 1.35 FILM: The Hot Chick (2002) Body-swap comedy, starring Rob Schneider. 3.10 Weatherview 3.15 BBC News

11.45 On Christmas Night

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies 7.10 CBBC 9.35
FILM: The Magic Roundabout
(2005) Animation, with the voice of
lan McKellen. 10.50 FILM: The
Sword in the Stone (1963) Disney
animated adventure, with the voice
of Ricky Sorenson. 12.10 Allice's
Adventures in Wonderland 2.10 A
Musical Nativity with John Rutter
3.10 The Prince and the Composer
4.40 Dad's Army 5.10 Porridge
5.50 The Queen
6.00 Christmas University

graduates compete on behalf of their former universities. 6.30 Darcey Bussell Dances Hollywood The former Royal Ballet star celebrates classic dance musicals, reinterpreting four favourite Hollywood routines

and revealing the secrets behind

Challenge Two teams of famous

their enduring appeal.

8.00 Blackadder the Third The new prime minister plots to bankrupt the Prince Regent.

8.30 Blackadder the Third

Edmund falls foul of Dr Johnson 9,00 The Toys That Made Christmas Robert Webb takes a light-hearted look back at Christmases past through the toys people played with and loved over the years, including Fuzzy-Fell, Spirograph, Barbie

and Meccano.

10.30 James May's Man Lab

Xmas Special How to make it
snow and using a gun to
decorate the tree.

11.30 Victoria Wood with All the Trimmings A festive special from 2000.

12.25 The Many Faces of Les Dawson 1.25 QI 1.55 FILM: Beyond a Reasonable Doubt (1956) Thriller, starring Dana Andrews. 3.15 Close

HTV1

6.00 CITV 7.45 FILM: The
Borrowers (1997) Children's
fantasy, starring John Goodman.
9.25 FILM: March of the
Penguins (2005) Oscar-winning
nature documentary, narrated by
Morgan Freeman. 11.00 FILM:
Miracle on 34th Street (1994)
Christmas family drama remake,
with Richard Attenborough. 1.05
ITV News: Weather 1.15 FILM:
Aladdin (1992) Disney animated
adventure, with the voice of Robin
Williams. 3.00 The Queen 3.10
FILM: Happy Feet (2006)
Animated adventure, with the voice of Flibiah Wood 5.10 ITV News:

6.00 Emmerdale Hour-long episode. Amy makes a decision about Kyle's future.

7.00 All Star Family Fortunes Christmas Special With teams from The Only Way Is Essex and Benidorm.

Weather 5.30 New You've Been

8.00 Coronation Street Hour-long episode. A drunken Becky's flat goes up in flames when she falls asleep.

9.00 Downton Abbey Bates's arrest casts a shadow over the festivities at a Christmas party and Violet has concerns about Rosamund's new suitor. Guest starring Nigel Havers and Sharon Small.
11.05 ITV News; Weather
11.20 Benidorm Festive episode

11.05 ITV News; Weather 11.20 Benidorm Festive episode from Boxing Day 2010, guest starring Su Pollard, Louie Spence and Brian Murphy, 12.35 The Comedy Annual 1.35 FILM: The Towering Inferno (1070) Diseator project program

12.35 The Comedy Annual 1.35 FILM: The Towering Inferno (1974) Disaster movie, starring Paul Newman and Steve McQueen. 4.20 Kojak 5.15 ITV Nightscreen 5.55 Morning News

Channel 4

6.10 FILM: The Ugly Duckling and Me (2006) Premiere. Animater comedy, with the voice of Morgan C Jones. 7.40 The Simpsons 8.00 The Simpsons 8.30 FLM: James and the Giant Peach (1996) Children's fantasy, with Paul Terry. 10.00 Gordon's Christmas Cookalong Live 2.00 Ice Age: A Mammoth Christmas 2.30 The Snowman 3.00 Celebrity Come Dine with Me 4.05 Channel 4 New 4.10 4thought.tv 4.15 The Alternative Christmas Message 4.20 Deal or No Deal: Deal Panto

4.20 Dear O'No Dear Dear Teal's S20 FILM: Big (1988) Comedy, starring Tom Hanks. 7.15 FILM: Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (2009) Sid the sloth's friends search for him when he is taken to an underground world inhabited by dinosaurs. Animated sequel, featuring the voices of John Leguizamo and Denis Leary. 9.00 Alan Carr: Chatty Man

9.00 Alan Carr: Chatty Man Christmas Special A festive edition of the chat show, featuring guests Ruth Jones, David Walliams and Jedward, as well as Steps, who perform a medley of their greatest hits

10.00 Rude Tube: Epic
Christmas Alex Zane presents
the 50 greatest festive internet
videos, featuring silly outfits,
bonkers behaviour and
inappropriate gifts.
11.05 So This is Christmas

11.05 So This Is Christmas Comedians share their experiences of the season. 12.05 8 Out of 10 Cats Christmas Special 1.05 American Football Live 4.45 Brief Encounters of the Sporting Mind: Rally Driving 4.50 Post Modern Pastimes 5.00 Road to London 2012: That Paralympic Show 5.25 Scrapheap Challenge

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshakel 9.00 FILM: Mist: The Tale of a Sheepdog Puppy (2006) Live-action animal adventure, featuring the voice of Mel Giedroyc. 10.30 Trailer Horn 10.35 Animal Rescue Squad 10.55 Andre Rieu's Christmas Spectacular 11.55 Loe Road Truckers 12.55 Loe Road Truckers 1.55 Cars – Unidentified Flying Mater 2.00 FILM: Mrs Miracle 2: Miracle in Manhattan (2010) Family drama sequel, starring Doris Roberts. 3.45 FILM: Mrs Santa Claus (1996) Period musical, starring Angela Lansbury. 5.07 LIM: The Santa Sult (2010) Premiere. Comedy, starring Kevin

7255 FILM: The Christmas Card (2006) A soldier returns from Afghanistan and runs into a woman who sent him an unsolicited Christmas card while he was on duty. Romantic drama, starring John Newton and Alice Evans.

9.05 Eddie Stobart's Christmas Delivery Festive edition of the series, in which the company's truckers battle winter conditions to ensure shops and councils receive their supply of Christmas trees and salt.

10.00 Britain's Favourite
Christmas Songs A countdown
of songs guaranteed to make
any Christmas party go with a
swing, including classics by the
Jackson 5, Jona Lewie, Band
Aid, Mud, the Pogues and Kirsty
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1.00 SuperCasino 3.55 Meals in

Moments 4.05 Nick's Quest 4.30

Divine Designs 5.00 Hana's

Helpline 5.10 The Milkshake! Show
5.35 Thomas & Friends 5.45 Roary
the Racing Car

Movie Choices

t:
(1946) A suicidal small-town
businessman is visited by an
angel who tries to convince him
his life has not been a waste.
Frank Capra's fantasy drama,
starring James Stewart and
Donna Reed. Sky Movies
Christmas 2.00-4.20pm
MEGAMIND (2010) An evil
genius kills his superhero
nemesis, but finds life boring
without anyone to foil his
schemes. Animated comedy,
with the voices of Will Ferrell
and Tina Fey. Sky Movies
premiere 3.30-5.15pm
HARRY POTTER AND
THE DEATHLY HALLOWS:
PART 1 (2010)

THE DEATHLY HALLOWS: PART 1 (2010) Premiere. The teenage wizard searches for the magical artefacts that will allow them to destroy the evil Voldemort. Fantasy adventure, starring Daniel Radcliffe. Sky Movies Premiere 5.15-8pm THE KING'S SPECH (2011) Premiere. The son of George V seeks the help of an eccentric Australian speech therapist as

THE KING'S SPECH (2011)
Premiere. The son of George V
seeks the help of an eccentric
Australian speech therapist as
he rises suddenly to the throne.
Fact-based drama, with Colin
Firth and Geoffrey Rush. Sky
Movies Premiere 8.00-10pm
INCEPTION (2010) A thief
who enters people's dreams to
steal their secrets is hired to
implant an idea into someone's
mind. Sci-fi thriller, starring
Leonardo DiCaprio and Ellen
Page. Sky Movies Crime &
Thriller 8.00-10.30pm
THE FIGHTER (2010) Fact-

THE FIGHTER (2010) Factbased drama about boxer Micky Ward's rise to world championship status in the 1890s, with the aid of his drugaddicted brother. With Mark Wahlberg and Christian Bale. Sky Movies Indie 10pm-12am

Peter Andre 2.00 The Xtra Factor:
Caroline and Olly's Best and Worst 3.00
The Xtra Factor: Louis' Best and Worst 4.00
The Xtra Factor: Louis' Best and Worst 4.00
The Xtra Factor: Tulisia's Best and
Worst 5.00
The Xtra Factor: Gary's
Best and Worst 7.00
FILM: The Bourne
Supremacy (2004) 11.05
Celebrity Juice
12.10
Coronation Street 1.15
Emmerdale
2.15
Ferz Filtion Superfan 3.05
Comedy
Cuts 4.45
Teleshopping 5.45
Nightscreen

Satellite & Digital

SKY1 6.00 Hour of Power 7.00 Futurama 8.00 Noel's Christmas Presents 2011 9.30 The Simpsons 10.00 WWE Superstars 11.00 WWE: Experience 12.00 A League of Their Own Christmas Special 1.00 The Simpsons 1.30 Modern Family 2.00 The Middle 2.30 Simpsons Christmas 3.00 The Queen's Speech 3.15 Sally Lindsay's Little Cracker 3.30 The Simpsons 4.00

Futurama 5.50 Modern Family: Julie Bowen Interview 6.00 Terra Nova 700 Their Middle Christmas 8.00 A League of Their Own 9.00 An Idiot Abroad 2 10.00 A League of Their Own 9.00 An Idiot Abroad 2 10.00 A League of Their Own 14.00 Little Cracker 11.45 A League of Their Own 2.40 An Idiot Abroad 2 3.35 A League of Their Own 4.25 It's Me or the Dog 4.55 Modern Family: Sofia Vergara Interview 5.05 Bite Size Brainiac 5.10 Sell Me the Answer SKY ATLANTIC 6.00 The X Fless 8.00 Star Trek: Voyager 12.00 The Devil's

Dinner Party 1.00 Anthony Bourdain: No Reservations 2.00 ER 7.00 Britain and Ireland from the Sky 7.30 Flying Monsters 9.00 Game of Thrones 3.20 Boardwalk Empire 4.30 Enlightened 5.05 The X Files BBC3 7.00 Great Movie Mistakes 2011: Not in 3D 8.00 FILM: Armageddon (1998) 10.20 Russell Howard's Good News Extra 11.05 EastEnders 12.05 Family Guy 2.35 American Dad! 3.45 Great Movie Mistakes 2011: Not in 3D 4.45 Him & Her 5.15 Close

BBC4 7.00 FILM: El Cid (1961) 9.50 The
Johnny Cash TV Show: Country Gold
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Josof Top of the Pops 1976: Christmas
Day Special 11.40 Top of the Pops 1976
Christmas Special 12.30 Cardigans at
Christmas 1.20 Carole King and Friends
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at Christmas 2.20 Night Music: Songs
After Dark 3.20 The Johnny Cash TV
Stope Country Gold 4.20 Close
TTV 2 6.00 Emmerdale 8.30 Coronation
Her
Street 10.30 All Star Mr & Mrs 11.30
Michael Bublé: Home for Christmas 1.00

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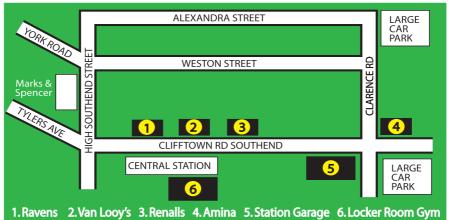
Christmas in Clifftown Rd Southend

A STREET packed with independent traders offers the ideal location for everything you need this Christmas from gifts for your loved ones to getting ready for that all important festive night out. Christmas is big in Clifftown Road, Southend, as traders offer an individual service to their shoppers, which they say is much more personal than the bigger department stores. Del Gaisford, owner of Renalls Jewellers and Pawnbrokers, said: "We are all individual retailers in the street offering that little bit more than the bigger chains. "If you go to a national chain you can't ask for deals there because they have to phone their head office. We on the other hand can as we are all independent traders." Renalls is the oldest established jewellers in Essex having

first opened its doors in 1890, and has seen many changes in the area including surviving through two World Wars. The premises offers huge savings on High Street stores, diamond set jewellery from £10 to £10,000, as well as special Sunday opening right up until Christmas ideal for all those last minute gifts. Southend's original department store, Ravens, has been offering shoppers an unparalleled choice of menswear, womenswear, ladies shoes and accessories and gifts for more than 100 years. The store is an Aladdin's cave for gifts over three retail floors, with everything from quality watches, crystal jewellery and ceramics, to leather goods and an ever-increasing selection of contemporary womenswear from top international designers. Those looking for a traditional meal whilst out shopping can dine at Van Looy's Fish and Chips Restaurant, or take a bite to eat away with them to enjoy at home. The fully licensed restaurant and takeaway offers a range of quality fish as well as other favourites, and has value-for-money offers including a senior citizen deal, a student special and a Sunday roast deal. If you are looking for the ideal setting for a Christmas meal then look no further than Amina Tandoori Restaurant, which is open throughout the festive season except Christmas Day and Boxing Day. The restaurant,

which would like to wish all its diners a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, has a wide range of choices this festive season. At lunchtimes diners can enjoy a three-course lunch deal for just $\mathfrak{L}5.95$ from Monday to Saturday, or opt for its Christmas set menu, which is also served during the evening, for just $\mathfrak{L}13.95$ for three-courses or $\mathfrak{L}15.95$ for four-courses, with a vegetarian option for $\mathfrak{L}10.95$. With the strain of Christmas shopping trips and festive journeys ahead, why not check your car is in tip top condition for the winter months. Station Garage is offering a free winter check on tyres, antifreeze, screenwash and oil for readers producing its advert, and are also offering to reset all your warning lights including ABS and airbags, as well as check your engine and

service your lights, for just £30. If you want to look your best for that all important Christmas party, or want a new you in 2012, then why not join The Locker Room Gym. Southend's premier fitness club offers a completely unique environment with a luxury fully equipped state-of-the-art fitness suite, a New York themed boxing and martial arts arena, luxurious changing rooms, and even a Refuel Bar for all your nutritional requirements. With so much to offer Clifftown Road in Southend really is the ideal place to go for everything you need this Christmas.

















Agatha Christie's Poirot, ITV1, 9pm

It's been almost 23 years since David Suchet first donned the famous moustache and body suit to play the little, fastidious Belgian detective. Despite rumours that those in charge at ITV1 were planning to pull the plug on the longrunning series, it was announced last month that Poirot would return, and that it would only end once the remaining stories written by Christie to feature him were filmed. The remaining five, including Poirot's final case, Curtain, will go into production next year. But, as is usually the way at this time of year, there's a chance to see another of his cases. Last Christmas, ITV1 screened Murder on the Orient Express; 2011 sees the debut of a less celebrated but equally ingenious tale, The Clocks. The story begins when a typist. Sheila Webb, discovers well-dressed corpse surrounded by six clocks – four of which have stopped at 4.13. Special Branch agent Colin Race is confused by the case, and calls in Poirot, an old friend of his father's, to help him get to the bottom of it. Anna Massey, in one of her final roles, guest stars, alongside Phil Daniels, Lesley Sharp, Frances Barber and Geoffrey Palmer.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast 9.00 CBBC 9.10 The Gruffalo 9.35 The Gruffalo's Child 10.00 FILM: The Jungle Book 2 (2003) Animated adventure sequel, with the voice of Haley Joe Osment. 11.10 FILM: Beverly Hills Chihuahua (2008) Premi Comedy, with the voice of Drew Barrymore. 12.35 BBC News; Weather 12.45 Regional News; Weather 12.55 Morecambe and Wise 2.00 Strictly Come Dancing Christmas Special 2011 3.00 Winter Wipeout Christmas Special 4.00 FILM: Shrek 2 (2004) Animated adventure sequel, with Animated adventure sequel, with the voice of Mike Myers. 5.25 BBC News; Weather 5.35 BBC London News; Weather 5.40 Jim'll Fix It with Shane Richie 6.10 FiLM: Madagascar: Escape

- 2 Africa (2008) Premiere Animated adventure, with the
- voice of Ben Stiller.

 7.30 The Borrowers Modern
 update of the fantasy adventure about miniature people living beneath the floorboards of a house. Stephen Fry, Christopher Eccleston, Victoria Wood and Aisling Loftus star. 9.00 EastEnders Yusef's actions
- put the whole of Albert Square in dangei
- 9.30 The Royal Bodyguard New series. Comedy, starring David Jason.
- 10.00 Mrs Brown's Boys Christmas Special New series Agnes tries to arrange the perfect family Christmas.
- 10.30 BBC News; Weather 10.45 Match of the Day Including highlights of Chelsea v Fulham. 12.15 FILM: The Guardian (2006) Drama, starring Kevin Costner 2.30 Weatherview 2.35 Sign Zone: Holby City 3.35 BBC News

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies 7.00 CBBC 8.55 Pixar: 25 Magic Moments 9.55 FILM: Heidi (2005) Children's drama, starring Emma Bolger.

11.30 FILM: The Crimson Wing Mystery of the Flamingos (2008)
Premiere. Documentary following a
flamingo colony. 12.45 FILM:
Mansfield Park (1999) Jane Austen drama, starring Frances O'Connor, 2.35 FILM: Emma (1996) Jane Austen drama, starring Gwyneth Paltrow. **4.30** Final Score **5.10** FILM: Becoming Jane (2006) Romantic period drama,

IZUUD) Hornantic period drama, starring Anne Hathaway and James McAvoy. 7.00 Springwatch Christmas Special Highlights from the past year of the series, which featured Kitch Humble and featured Kate Humble and Martin Hughes-Games reporting on the wildlife at the Ynys-hir nature reserve in Powys. 8.30 Christmas University

- Challenge Two teams of famous graduates compete on behalf of their former universities in the second semi-final of the festive edition of the academic guiz
- 9.00 Jane Austen: The Unseen
 Portrait? Martha Kearney
 meets biographer Paula Byrne, who believes she has found a picture of the author lost to the orld for almost two centuries
- 10.00 Victoria Wood: Seen on TV
 The comedienne reflects on her ision careei 11.30 Ruth Jones' Christmas Cracker Festive chat show, with James Corden, Lulu and Micky
- Flanagan.

 12.10 QI 12.40 Grumpy Guide to Food 1.10 FILM: Cat People (1942) Psychological horror, starring Simone Simon. **2.20** BBC News 3.35 Close

6.00 CITV 7.40 FILM: The Adventures of Pinocchio (1996) Family adventure, with Martin Landau, 9.25 Best Ever Christmas Films 10.25 Goodnight Mister Tom 12.20 ITV News; Weather 12.30 FILM: Garfield: A Tale of Two Kitties (2006) Family comedy, with the voice of Bill Murray. 2.00 50 the voice of Bill Murray, 2.00 50 Greatest Harry Potter Moments 3.30 FILM: Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (2002) Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Daniel Radcliffe.

- 6.20 ITV News; Weather 6.30 Emmerdale Andy reluctantly agrees to Debbie's latest
- 7.00 The Unforgettable Ernie
 Wise Profile of the comedian, one half of popular double act Morecambe and Wise. The programme reveals the truth about a man whose life off-stage was as important to him as fame. 8.00 Coronation Street Hour-long
- episode. Becky returns home from hospital, determined to from hospital, determined to fight back, leaving Tracy unprepared when the police turn up to question her. Amber spoils Sophie's hen night.

 9.00 Agatha Christie's Poirot
- The Belgian sleuth is summoned when Colin Bace is summoned when Colin Hace is distracted from an investigation into a spy ring by the discovery of a murder victim surrounded by stopped clocks.
- 11.15 FILM: Gladiator (2000) Oscar-winning Roman epic, starring Russell Crowe; ITV News Headlines 2.05 FILM: Vertigo (1958)
- Hitchcock thriller, starring James Stewart. **4.10** ITV Nightscreen **5.55** ITV Morning News

Channel 4

6.20 The Treacle People 6.30 FILM: Benji the Hunted (1987) Disney adventure, with Red Steagall. 8.00 The Bear 8.30 The Morning Line 9.25 The Big Bang Theory 9.55 The Big Bang Theor 10.25 The Simpsons 10.55 The Simpsons 11.25 FILM: Bugsy Malone (1976) Musical gangster comedy, starring Scott Baio. 1.15 Channel 4 Racing 3.40 The Simpsons 4.10 Deal or No Deal: Deal Panto 5.10 Christmas Coach Trip 5.45 Channel 4 News

- 6.00 4thought.tv Members of the public reflect on religious issues 6.05 Hollyoaks The soap pays a tribute to It's a Wonderful Life. 6.35 Come Dine with Me: Christmas Special Linda Nolan
- hosts a Jack and the Beanstalk themed dinner party. 7.05 FILM: Home Alone (1990) A
- boy is left to defend his home from burglars when his family jets off to Paris and accidentally leaves him behind. Comedy, starring Macaulay Culkin. 9 00 Bear's Wild Weekend with
- Miranda Miranda Hart accompanies Bear Grylls on a two-day expedition in the Alps. 10.00 Chris Moyles' Christmas Quiz Night With James Corden Olly Murs and Louie Spence.
- Olly Murs and Louie Spence.
 10.50 Father Ted: Unintelligent
 Design The inspiration behind
 the comedy.
 11.20 Small, Far Away The
 World of Father Ted A road trip
- in celebration of the comedy's
- 15th anniversary. 12.25 Father Ted 12.55 Random Acts 1.00 FILM: The Godfather (1972) Drama, starring Marlon Brando, 4.05 London's Burning 5.00 World War II: The Last Heroes 5.55 Brothers & Sisters

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 ThunderCats 10.35 Meerkat Mano 11.05 Meerkat Manor 11.35 Ice Road Truckers 12.35 5 News Lunchtime 12.45 FILM: The Producers (2005) A washed-up Broadway producer and his neurotic accountant stage a musical tribute to Hitler as a getrich-quick scheme. Musical comedy, starring Matthew Broderick and Nathan Lane. 3.10 FILM: Seven Brides for Seven Brothers (1954) A cowboy decides to get married, prompting his six to get married, profiping ins six helliraising brothers to kidnap brides for themselves. Stanley Donen's musical Western, starring Howard Keel and Jane Powell. 5.10 FILM: The Wizard of Oz (1939) Musical forture with light Codend Musical fantasy, with Judy Garland 7.05 Britain's Favourite

Christmas Songs A countdowr of songs guaranteed to make any Christmas party go with a swing, including classics by the Jackson 5, Jona Lewie, Band Aid, Mud, the Pogues and Kirsty

10.00 FILM: Dirty Dancing (1987) Love blossoms when a dance instructor at a 1960s resort hotel teaches a naive teenager about life, love and self-expression. Romantic drama, with Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey. Including 5 News

Update. 12.05 FILM: Fragile (2005) Premiere. A nurse at a children's hospital learns that something evil nospital learns that something evil lurking in the wards does not want the patients to leave. Horror, with Calista Flockhart and Richard Roxburgh. 2.00 SuperCasino 4.00 Meals in Moments 4.10 Grey's Anatomy 4.55 County Secrets 5.10 House Doctor 5.35 House Doctor Adventure 10.45pm-12.45am

Movie Choices SUPERMAN (1978) An alien

is evacuated from his planet and crash-lands on Earth, becoming a crusader for justice. Comic-strip adventure, with Christopher Reeve. **Sky Movies Sci-fi/Horror** 12.35-3pm **UP** (2009) An old man uses balloons to fly his house to South America, but finds he has a young stowaway on board.
Pixar animated adventure, with
the voices of Ed Asner. **Sky** Pixar animated adventure, with the voices of Ed Asner. Sky Movies Family 4,30-6.15pm CYPUS (2010) A divorced man falls in love with a single mother, but finds her 21-year-old son is determined to break them up. Comedy, with John C Reilly, Jonah Hill and Marisa Tomel. Sky Movies Indie 6.10-7.45pm AVATAR (2009) A paraplegic marine is sent undercover in an alien tribe to spy for a corrupt mining executive. James Cameron's sci-fl adventure, with Sam Worthington. Sky Movies Modern Greats 70:09-45pm WINTER'S BONE (2010) A temperature of the searches for her estranged father, whose bail jumping threatens to leave her homeless. Drama, with Jennifer Lawrence and Isaiah Stone. Sky Movies Indie 7,45-9.30pm SHERLOCK HOLMES (2009) The detective and his rusted sidekick investigate and (2009) The detective and his trusted sidekick investigate an apparent resurrection leading to a spate of murders. Action a spate of murders. Action thriller, with Robert Downey Jr and Jude Law. Sky Movies Crime & Thriller 9.00-11.10pm KICK-ASS (2010) A teenager sets out to become a superhers but finds real-life crime-fighting much more dangerous. Action comedy, with Aaron Johnson. Sky Movies Action & Adventure 10.45pm 3.2.45pm

12.30 The Cube Celebrity Special 1.30
The Planet's Funniest Animals 1.45 New
You've Been Framed 2.15 All Star Family
Fortunes Christmas Special 3.00 The Big
Quiz 4.00 Coronation Street 5.00
Emmerdale 6.00 The Only Way Is
EsseXmas 700 New You've Been Framed
8.00 FILM: The Polar Express (2004)
10.00 FILM: The Bour Express (2004)
10.10 FILM: The Bourne Ultimatum
(2007) 12.15 Coronation Street 1.20
Emmerdale 1.50 Comedy Cuts 2.40
Teleshopping 5.40 ITV2 Nightscreen

Satellite & Digital

SKY1 6.00 Brainiac: Science Abuse 7.00 The Glee Project 8.00 Inside Gatwick 9.00 Raising Hope 10.00 Futurama 11.00 Modern Family 12.00 The Middle 1.00 Futurama 2.00 Satebreakers 3.00 Chris & Wes: Let's Do This 3.30 Glenn Martin, DDS 4.00 Inside Gatwick 5.00 The Simpsons 6.00 Chris & Wes: Let's Do This 6.30 The Simpsons 8.00 Terra Nova

3.35 Close

10.00 FILM: Evolution (2001) 11.55 35mm

12.25 Cop Squad 1.25 Night Cops 2.25
Armed and Dangerous: Ultimate Forces
3.25 Deadwood 4.25 Hello Goodbye 5.15
A Different Breed
SKY ATLANTIC 6.00 The X Files 7.00
Star Trek: Voyager 8.00 Star Trek:
Enterprise 9.00 ER 11.00 The X Files
12.00 Star Trek: Voyager 1.00 Star Trek:
Enterprise 2.00 ER 4.00 Star Trek:
Enterprise 5.00 Star Trek: Voyager 6.00
ER 8.00 Anthony Bourdain: No Reservations

9.00 Game of Thrones 3.25 Hung 4.00
Boardwalk Empire 5.10 The X Files
BBC3 7.00 Winter Wipeout 8.00 Don't Tell
the Bride: Christmas Special 9.00 Most
Annoying People 2011 – Part 1 10.30
EastEnders 11.00 Russell Howard's Good
News: Christmas Special 2009 11.30
Family Guy 2.05 Great Movie Mistakes
2011: Not in 3D 3.00 Don't Tell the Bride:
Christmas Special 4.00 Most Annoying
People 2011 – Part 1 5.30 Close
BBC4 7.00 Wonders of the Universe 8.00

FILM: The Fall of the Roman Empire
(1964) 10.55 Dolly Parton: Live at the O2
12.05 The Johnny Cash TV Show:
Country Gold 1.05 Originals: Tammy
Wynette 2.05 Folk Music at Christmas
3.05 Wonders of the Universe 4.05 Close
ITV2 6.00 Kelly Clarkson: The Hot Desk
6.10 The Xtra Factor: Winner's Story 2011
7.00 Lifes Funniest Moments 7.30
Coronation Street 8.30 Emmerdale 9.30
The Xtra Factor: Garys Best and Worst
10.30 FILM: A Cinderella Story (2004)

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Great Expectations,

BBC1, 9pm Once upon a time, we associated Gillian Anderson with aliens and conspiracy theories, rather than bonnets and crinolines, but these days the former X Files star is carving out quite a niche for herself in Charles Dickens adaptations. After winning over the critics with her performance as Lady Deadlock in Bleak House, she's back in 19th-century England to tackle an ever more iconic role, that of Miss Havisham in the BBC's take on Great Expectations. For anyone unfamiliar with the story, it's the tale of Pip, an 11-year-old orphan whose life is about to be shaped by two strange events. Firstly, he runs into the escaped convict Magwitch (Ray Winstone) on the marshes near his home. and agrees to help him escape his shackles. Then, he is summoned to the house of wealthy Miss Havisham, who wants him to be a playmate for her adopted daughter Estella. So when Pip is then approached by a lawyer, who informs him that thanks to an anonymous benefactor, he's due to come into a fortune when he's 21, the young man believes that someone wants him to become a gentleman and win Estella - but are his great expectations about to be dashed?

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast 8.05 Match of the Day 9.40 FILM: The Road to El Dorado (2000) Animated adventure, with the voices of Kenneth Branagh and Kevin Kline. 11.00 FILM: Hotel for Dogs (2009) Premiere. Family comedy, starring Emma Roberts and Jake T Austin. 12.35 BBC News; Weather 12.45 Regional News; Weather 12.50 EastEnders 2.50 Doctor Who 3.50 FILM: Bedtime Stories (2008)
Premiere. Fantasy comedy, starring
Adam Sander. 5.20 BBC News; Weather 5.30 BBC London News 5.35 Celebrity Mastermind

6.05 FILM: Shrek the Third (2007) The ogre must persuade a rebellious teenager to face up to his responsibilities as heir to the throne. Animated sequel with the voice of Mike Myers

7.30 EastEnders Derek reminds Pat how ruthless he can be. 8.00 Holby City A group of students lures Elliot to Ukraine to perform heart surgery.

9.00 Great Expectations New 9.00 Great Expectations New series. Adaptation of the Dickens novel, starring Ray Winstone and Douglas Booth. 10.00 BBC News 10.10 Regional News; Weather;

National Lottery Update
10.15 John Bishop's Britain

Christmas Special The
Liverpudlian comic turns his
attention to the festive holiday.

10.45 FILM: Tropic Thunder (2008) Premiere, Comedy. starring Ben Stiller

12.25 FILM: The Heartbreak Kid (2007) Romantic comedy, starring Ben Stiller and Michelle Monaghan. 2.15 Weatherview 2.20 Sign Zone: Frozen Planet 3.20 mond Blanc's Christmas Feast 4.20 BBC News

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies 7.00 CBBC 9.15 FILM: Camp Rock (2008) Romantic teen musical, starring Demi Lovato and Joe Jonas, 10.45 Madagascar 11.45 Yellowstone 12.45 Live Horse Racing 3.05 Watching the Wild: Cornish Se 3.15 Coast 4.15 Flog It! 5.00 Escape to the Country 5.45 Antiques Road Trip

6.30 Christmas University Challenge Final of the contest.

7.00 Hi-de-Hi! Peggy interviews
for a job as a Yellowcoat.

7.30 Dad's Army Mainwaring tries

7.30 Data's Army maniwaring riles to get equipment for the platoon.

8.00 You Have Been Watching — David Croft Tribute to the writer, who died in September, known for his work on the sitcoms Dad's Army, 'Allo 'Allo!, Are You Being Served?, It Ain't Half Hot

Mum and Hi-de-Hi! 0.00 Three Men Go to New England Rory McGrath, Griff Rhys Jones and Dara O Briain embark on another voyage travelling from New England to New York to mark the Statue of Liberty's 125th birthday.

Concludes tomorrow. 10.00 Have I Got News for You Alexander Armstrong hosts the current affairs quiz.

10.30 I've Never Seen Star Wars Jo Brand invites QI presenter Stephen Fry to sample new cultural experiences. 11.00 Mock the Week Highlights

from the recent series, hosted by Dara O Briain

11.30 The Toys That Made Christmas A look back at playthings of the past. 1.00 The Grumpy Guide to Work
1.30 FILM: I Walked with a Zombie (1943) Horror, with Frances Dee. 2.35 BBC News 4.20 Close

6.00 CITV 7.05 FILM: The Prince and the Pauper (1977) Period ma, starring Oliver Reed, 9,25 grama, starring Oliver Heed. 9.25 FILM: King Ralph (1991) Comed starring John Goodman. 11.15 ITV News; Weather 11.25 London News; Weather 11.25 London Time to Time (2009) Family fantasy adventure, starring Alex Etel. 1.20 FILM: Cats & Dogs (2001) Comedy, starring Jeff Goldblum. 3.00 All Star Family Fortunes Christmas Special 4.00 You've Been Framed! 4.30 FILM: The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008) Fantasy sequel, starring Brendan Fraser. 6.30 London Tonight; Weather 6.45 ITV News; Weather 7.00 Emmerdale Cameron's anger

boils over when Debbie informs him of her plan. 7.30 The Adventurer's Guide to Britain Charlotte Uhlenbroek and Gethin Jones explore Exmoor. Last in the series.

3.00 Susan Boyle: An Unlikely Superstar Osca Humphreys follows the day-to-day life of the singer, from the recording studio to a stadium gig in Shanghai, and asks how she is coping.

9.00 Fast Freddie, the Widow and Me A self-centred car dealer has his eyes opened to the needs of others after meeting a terminally ill teenage while doing community service.

Drama, with Laurence Fox. 10.30 FILM: King Kong (2005) Fantasy adventure re starring Naomi Watts.

11.30 ITV News; Weather

11.45 FILM: King Kong (2005)

Concluded 2.10 Premiership Rugby Union 3.05 Kojak 3.55 ITV Nightscreen 5.55 ITV Morning News

Channel 4

6.40 Sali Mali 6.45 The Treacle People 6.55 The Hoobs 7.20 Famous Fred 7.50 Little Wolf's Book of Badness 8.15 Perfect Couples 8.40 Everybody Loves
Raymond 9.10 Everybody Loves
Raymond 9.40 Frasier 10.10
Frasier 10.40 The Big Bang Theor 11.05 The Big Bang Theory 11.30 The Simpsons 12.00 The Simpsons 12.30 FILM: Five Children and It (2004) Children's fantasy, with Kenneth Branagh. 2.15 FILM: Penelope (2006) Premiere. Romantic fantasy starring Christina Ricci. 4.00 Deal or No Deal: Deal Panto 5.00 Christmas Coach Trip 5.30 Celebrity
Come Dine with Me Extra Portions
6.00 The Simpsons Homer
becomes a firefighter.

6.30 Hollyoaks Texas and Jodie try to deal with the fallout of the previous day's events. 7.00 Channel 4 News 7.25 4thought.tv

7.30 Come Dine with Me:

Celebrity Christmas Special Former Big Brother contestant Nick Bateman hosts the second

dinner party. 8.00 Big Fat Gypsy Christmas

9.00 Big Fat Quiz of the Year 2011 Hosted by Jimmy Carr.
11.05 Alan Carr: Chatty Man
Christmas Special With Ruth
Jones, David Walliams, Jedward

and Steps. 12.10 Comedy Lab: Mr & Mrs Hotty 12.10 Comedy Lab: Mr & Mrs Hotty Hott Hot Show 12.40 Random Acts 12.45 UK & Ireland Poker Tour 1.40 Extreme Sailing Series 2.05 Sailing 2.35 Freesports on 4 3.00 Beach Volleyball 4.00 KOTV Boxing Weekly 4.25 World War II: The Last Heroes 5.20 Brothers & Sisters

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 ThunderCats 10.35 Meerkat Mano 11.05 Animal Rescue Squad 11.20 World's Strongest Man 2011: Qualifiers 12.25 5 News Lunchtime 12.35 FILM: Crazy for Christmas (2005) Family drama, starring Andrea Roth. 2.25 FILM: I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus (2002) Family comedy, starring Connie Sellecca. 4.10 FILM: Twice Upon a Time (1998) Fantasy drama, starring Molly Ringwald. 5.50 FILM: Little Women (1994)

Drama, starring Winona Ryder.

8.00 World's Strongest Man 201 All the action from the opening heat of the finals, taking place in North Carolina, where Britain's Mark Felix is among the six competitors aiming to progress 5 News at 9

5 News at 9,00 Carry On Christmas The gang's first TV special, originally broadcast in 1969, which consists of sketches based on A Christmas Carol. With Sid James, Barbara Windsor and Frankie Howerd

10.05 The Greatest Ever Carry

On Films A rundown of the most memorable moments from the classic comedy film series. including flying bikinis suggestive laughs and infamous catchphrases.

on the real-life affair between
Sid James and Barbara Windsor, who met on the set of

Windsor, who met on the set of the Carry On films. Starring Geoffrey Hutchings and Samantha Spiro. 1.15 SuperCasino 3.55 Meals in Moments 4.05 The Gadget Show Christmas Eve Special 4.55 County Secrets 5.10 House Doctor 5.35 House Doctor

Movie Choices

THE TAILOR OF PANAMA (2001) A devious British spy employs a well-connected tailor to relay sensitive information on the future of the Panama Canal. Spy thriller, starring Pierce Brosnan. **Sky Movies Modern** Greats 10am-12pm
THE NAKED GUN: FROM THE FILES OF POLICE SQUAD! (1988) A disaster-prone detective uncovers a plot to assassinate Queen Elizabeth to assassinate Queen Elizabet Il during a visit to Los Angeles. Comedy, with Leslie Nielsen, Priscilla Presley and Ricardo Montalban. Sky Movies Modern Greats 3.30-5pm COOL RUNNINGS (1993)

COOL RUNNINGS (1993)
Fact-based comedy about four Jamaicans who became the first bobsleigh team to compete for their country at the 1988 Winter Olympics. Starring John Candy, Leon and Doug E Doug. Sky Movies Comedy 6.20-8pm HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON (2010) A Viking boy longs to become a dragon slayer, but ends up befriending one of the giant flying lizards. Animated comedy, with the voices of Jay Baruchel and Gerard Butler. Sky Movies Family 6.20-8pm THE TOWN (2010) A bank robber falls in love with a

robber falls in love with a woman he took hostage, risking the fury of his partner in crime. Crime drama, directed by and starring Ben Affleck. With Rebecca Hall. Sky Movies Crime & Thriller 9.00-11.05pm THE BOOK OF ELI (2009) A man travels across post-apocalypse America carrying a book believed to hold the key to mankind's future. Action adventure, starring Denzel Washington. Sky Movies Sci-fi/ Horror 10.50pm-12.50am

Coronation Street 8.30 Emmerdale 9.00
The Xtra Factor: Tulisa's Best and Worst
10.00 Britain's Got More Talent 11.00
FILM: Jack Frost (1998) 1.00 The Only
Way Is EsseXmas 2.00 FILM: You've Got
Mail (1998) 4.30 Coronation Street 5.30
Emmerdale 6.00 Peter Andre: My Life at
Christmas 7.00 FILM: Nanny McPhee
(2005) 9.00 FILM: Terminator 2: Judgment
Day (1991) 11.45 The Jonathan Ross
Show 1.05 Emmerdale 1.35 The Vampire
Diaries 3.00 Teleshopping

Satellite & Digital

SKY1 6.00 Brainiac: Science Abuse 7.00 The Glee Project 8.00 Inside Gatwick 9.00 Raising Hope 10.00 Futurama 11.00 Modern Family 12.00 The Middle 1.00 Futurama 2.00 Safebreakers 3.00 Chris & Wes 3.30 Glenn Martin, DDS 4.00 Inside Gatwick 5.00 The Simpsons 6.00 Chris & Wes 6.30 The Simpsons 8.00 Futurama 8.30 The Simpsons 9.00 Catherine Tate's

Little Cracker 9.15 Little Crackers 9.30
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League of Their Own 12.00 Spartacus
1.15 Road Wars 1.45 Night Cops 2.35
Armed and Dangerous 3.25 Deadwood
4.20 Helio Goodbye 5.10 Different Breed
SKY ATLANTIC 6.00 X Files 7.00 Star
Trek: Voyager 8.00 Star Trek: Enterprise
9.00 ER 11.00 X Files 12.00 Star Trek:
Voyager 1.00 Star Trek: Enterprise 2.00 Voyager 1.00 Star Trek: Enterprise 2.00 ER 4.00 Star Trek: Enterprise 5.00 Star Trek: Voyager 6.00 ER 8.00 Blue Bloods

9.00 Battlestar Galactica 10.00
Enlightened 10.35 Hung 11.10 In
Treatment 12.10 Battlestar Galactica 1.10
In Treatment 12.10 Enlightened 2.45 Hung
3.20 Six Feet Under 4.30 The Life and
Times of Tim 5.00 The X-Files
BBC3 700 Winter Wipeout Christmas
Special 8.00 Don't Tell the Bride 9.00
Most Annoying People 2011 – Part 2
10.30 EastEnders 11.00 Russell Howard's
Good News 11.30 Family Guy 12.15
American Dad! 1.00 Little Britain Abroad

2.00 Him & Her 3.00 Two Pints of Lager and a Packet of Crisps 4.00 Most Annoying People 2011 – Part 2 5.30 Close **BBC4** 7.00 Wonders of the Universe 8.00 Royal Institution Christmas Lectures 2011 9.00 FILM: Waterloo (1970) 11.05 Night on Film 12.05 Jerusalem 1.05 Wonders of the Universe 2.05 Royal Institution Christmas Lectures 2011 3.05 Jerusalem on a Plate 4.05 Close on a Plate 4.05 Close

ITV2 6.00 Zac Efron 6.10 Nanny 911

7.00 The Planet's Funniest Animals 7.30

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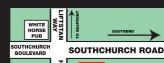
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Putting fun on the menu

RUSSEL sprouts are on the menu and the kids look mutinous. So how do we get the kids to smile about Christmas food? Our parenting expert Lisa Salmon looks at what they can eat, which recipes go down well and how can you get them involved.

Parents everywhere will be slaving over a hot stove to make that traditional Christmas

dinner for all the family.

But will everybody appreciate their efforts? The chances are that in many households the younger diners will deign to eat only turkey, roast potatoes and gravy – if you're lucky.

The stark truth is that you've got about as much chance of bumping into Santa on Christmas Eve as you have of persuading kids that all traditional festive fare – includ-

ing sprouts – is worth eating.
And there's no point even trying to change their minds, says children's cookery expert Annabel Karmel.

Forget about sprouts and other Christmas food that doesn't appeal to the juvenile palate, she says, and just make your Christmas menu children-friendly.

"The vegetable part is the bit you've got to look at," she said. "Children don't often like sprouts – partly because when they bite into them if they're not cooked properly, water squelches out of them and that puts them off for life.

"If those kinds of vegetables aren't popular with your kids, I just wouldn't bother with them.

Instead, make the food appetising and fun

and make it with the children's help.

Annabel, author of a host of children's recipe books, said the best vegetables to serve to children are broccoli, carrots and peas, plus stir-fried vegetables in a teriyaki sauce.

She said that as well as sprouts, children

often hate mushrooms ("because they're slimy") and aubergines. So keep them off the Christmas menu.

"I think it's a texture thing – they often don't like avocado as well, because it's mushy," she added.

Annabel said the way food is cooked is also important – steamed broccoli, for example, is more appealing to a child than

the boiled version.

Another part of the traditional Christmas dinner that children often don't like is Christmas pudding, added Karmel, because it's too rich for them.

Instead, she suggests a berry jelly, which can be made well in advance. Also, fruits on a skewer or a fruit salad with ingredients like lychees and clementines will be popular with kids, and healthy.

"Make them something you know they like to eat, so they're happy – and just don't get stressed about what they have – it's Christmas!"

Annabel doesn't recommend getting the kids to help cook Christmas dinner, pointing out that parents will be stressed enough without having the kids' culinary skills to negotiate.

The best time to get them cooking is before Christmas, she suggests, when they can make edible gifts, like her Stained Glass Window Cookies.

Anita Cormac, director of the Focus on Food campaign, which aims to raise the pro-

rood campaign, which aims to raise the pro-file of food education, agrees that making edible Christmas gifts is a great way of get-ting the kids cooking. "Made just at the right time, who wouldn't welcome a basket of biscuits hand-decorated by their grandchildren?" she said. "It's cheap, a unique gift and one that will delight everyone and be a real talking point over Christmas dinner.'



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Felix and Murdo Channel 4, 10.35pm

Comedy fans could be forgiven for thinking that Armstrong and Miller had effectively gone their separate ways. Alexander Armstrong has been busy working up a new double act with Richard Osman on the teatime quiz show Pointless, while Ben Miller has been sunning himself in the Caribbean for Death in Paradise. In fact, if it wasn't for Armstrong's recent appearance as an airman in the Doctor Who Christmas special, their RAF uniforms would probably be gathering dust at the back of the wardrobe. But fear not wardrobe. But lear hot, because they are teaming up again for this one-off Christmas comedy, set in Edwardian London. Manabout-town Felix (Miller) is planning to settle down with his long-term fiancée Fanny, but then his best friend Murdo (Armstrong)
points out that the wedding clashes with their trip to see 'Little Titch and the Monkey Twins, and convinces him to try to postpone it. However, Murdo has romantic problems of his own as he enters the 1908 London Olympics to impress a girl, without actually bothering to

do any training.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast 9.00 FILM: Spy Kids 2: Island of Lost Dreams (2002) Family adventure seque Antonio Banderas, 10.35 starring Antonio Banderas. 10.35 FILM: High School Musical 2 (2007) Sequel to the teen musica starring Zac Efron. 12.20 BBC News; Weather 12.30 Regional News; Weather 12.35 Only Fools and Horses 1.25 The Two Ronnie and Horses 1.25 The Iwo Honnies Christmas Sketchbook 2.30 FILM: Shall We Dance? (2004) Romantic comedy, starring Richard Gere and Susan Sarandon. 4.05 FILM: Bedknobs and Broomsticks (1971) Disney musical fantasy, starring Angela Lansbury. 6.00 BBC News; Weather 6.20 BBC London News;

Weather
6.30 Celebrity Mastermind With Stacey Solomon, Simon Day

and Steve Harley.

7.00 Frozen Planet Christmas
Special Highlights of the series.

8.00 Countryfile Ellie Harrison visits the Ernest Cook estate in

rshire 9.00 Great Expectations Pip finds himself in debt owing to his expensive taste.

his expensive taste.
10.00 BBC News
10.10 Regional News; Weather
10.20 The National Lottery
Wednesday Night Draws Scott

10.30 Comic Relief 2011: What a Cracker Comedy highlights and updates from the fundraising event; National Lottery Update 12.00 FILM: It's a Boy Girl Thing (2006) Romantic comedy, with Samaire Armstrong and Kevin Zegers. 1.25 Weatherview 1.30 Sign Zone: Great Expectations 2.30 FILM: Nativity! (2009) Comedy, starring Martin Fréeman. 4.10 BBC News

10.25 Madagascar 11.25
Yellowstone 12.25 The Many
Faces of Michael Caine 1.25 FILM
The Man Who Would Be King (1975) Period adventure, starring ean Connery and Michael Caine

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies 7.00 CBBC 9.00 FILM: The Country Bears (2002)

Children's musical adventure, with

the voice of Haley Joel Osment.

Sean Connery and Michael Caine
3.30 Flog It! 4.30 Escape to the
Country 5.30 Antiques Road Trip
6.15 Porridge Barrowclough and
Mackay discover Fletch is cooking up some home brew and the con seems certain to spend Christmas alone

7,00 Sir Jimmy Savile at the BBC: How's About That Then? Footage from the BBC archive of the DJ and broadcaster, who died in October at his home in

died in October at his nome in Leeds, including his appearances on Top of the Pops and Jim'ill Fix It. 8.00 Top Gear In this year's Top Gear special, Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May set out to boost the British

economy by embarking on a trade mission to India. 3.30 Three Men Go to New England Rory McGrath, Griff Rhys Jones and Dara O Briain try their hands at sports fishing on their way to Cape Cod, and doubt they will persuade any boats to join the flotilla. 10.30 Dara O Briain: This Is the

Show The comedian performs at the Hammersmith Apollo. 11.30 Sir Jimmy Savile: As It
Happened A tribute to the DJ
and fundraiser.

12.00 QI 12.30 Being Ronnie Corbett 1.30 FILM: The Leopard Man (1943) Mystery, starring Jean Brooks. 2.35 BBC News 4.10 Close ITV Morning News

ITV1

5.00 CITV 7.35 FILM: K-9 (1989) Police comedy, starring James Belushi. 9.25 Countrywise at Christmas 10.25 FILM: The Great St Trinian's Train Robbery (1966) Comedy, starring Frankie Howerd. 12.05 All Star Family Fortunes 1.09 ITV News; Weather 1.25 London News; Weather 1.30 Grease: After They Were Famous 2.35 Midsome Murders 4.30 Lewis

6.30 London Tonight; Weather 6.45 ITV News; Weather 7.00 Emmerdale Jai is arrested

and charged with attempted murder on the day Cain returns. Hannah talks to John about his wedding anniversary, but is shocked by his response. 7.30 Countrywise Kitchen: New

Year Festive Feasts Winter ingredients ideal for entertaining Last in the series

8.00 Ad of the Year A countdowr of the 20 best TV commercials of 2011 as voted for by viewers, featuring interviews with the creators and stars of some of the shortlisted adverts

9.00 Brand New It'll Be Alright on the Night A new collection of out-takes featuring Ant and Dec, Holly Willoughby, Phillip Schofield and the stars of Doo Martin and Celebrity Juice. Griff

Rhys Jones presents.

10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weathe
10.10 London News; Weather
10.15 Benidorm Madge and Janice are held hostage 11.20 The Jonathan Ross Show

With Tom Cruise and the Inbetweeners stars.

12.30 The Zone 2.30 FILM: Village of the Damned (1995) Sci-fi thriller remake, starring Christopher Reeve. **4.10** ITV Nightscreen **5.55**

Channel 4

6.10 Treacle People Christmas Special **6.30** The Hoobs **6.55** The Hoobs 7.20 Wilde Stories 7.50 Perfect Couples 8.15 Everybody Perfect Couples 8.15 Everybody Loves Raymond 8.45 Everybody Loves Raymond 9.15 Frasier 9.4 The Big Bang Theory 10.15 The Big Bang Theory 10.45 The Simpsons 11.15 The Simpsons 11.45 FILM: Firehouse Dog (2007 11.45 FILM: Firehouse Dog (200 Premiere. Family comedy. 1.50 FILM: Star Trek: First Contact (1996) Sci-fi adventure, starring Patrick Stewart. 4.00 Deal or No Deal: Deal Panto 5.00 Christmas Coach Trip 5.30 Celebrity Come

Dine with Me Extra Portions 6.00 The Simpsons 6.30 Hollyoaks 7.00 Channel 4 News

7.25 4thought.tv 7.30 Come Dine with Me:

Celebrity Christmas Special 8.00 Jon Snow's 2011 The broadcaster's pick of the year's major news stories. 9.00 The Untold Tommy Cooper The life of the much-loved

comedian and magician

comedian and magician. 10.35 Felix and Murdo Armstrong and Miller comedy set during the London 1908 Olympics. 11.10 The Armstrong & Miller Show – Best Bits Highlights of the duo's Channel 4 comedy

11.40 Ben Elton: Laughing at the 80s The writer showcases the decade's most significant

comedy moments 1.35 Random Acts 1.40 Music on 4: Live from Abbey Road 2.25 Taio Cruz: Life of a Rockstar 2.50 The Album Chart Show: Spotlight 3.05 Happy Endings 3.30 Happy Endings 3.55 FILM: Bugles in the Afternoon (1952) Western, with Ray Milland. 5.20 Brothers & Sisters

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 ThunderCats 10.35 Mickey's Delaved Date 10.40 Meerkat Manor 11.10 World's Strongest Man 2011 12.10 5 News Lunchtim 12.15 FILM: Apache Drums
(1951) A gunslinging gambler joins
forces with a group of settlers
determined to fend off a series of Apache attacks. Western, starring Apache attacks. Western, starring Stephen McNally, Willard Parker and Coleen Gray. 1.50 FILM: Six Black Horses (1962) Western, starring Audie Murphy. 3.25 FILM: Custer of the West (1967) Historical biopic about the life of the American cavalry commander who met his end at the Battle of the Little Bighorn. With Robert Shaw and Jeffrey Hunter.

6.10 The Witches of Oz

Part one of two. Fantasy adventure starring Paulie Rojas as Dorothy Gale, who tries to stop the inhabitants of Oz from executing their plans for world domination. Concludes tomorrow: 5 News Update

3.00 World's Strongest Man 2011 James Richardson and Caroline Pearce present all the action from heat two of the finals in North Carolina, where Laurence Shahlaei is among six

Snaniaei is among six competitors; 5 News at 9 9.00 Ben Hur A Jewish prince betrayed by his Roman friend and sold into slavery seeks revenge. Historical drama, starring Joseph Morgan, Ray Winstone and Stephen

Winstone and Stepnen
Campbell Moore. Including 5
News Update.
12.30 Poker: The Big Game 1.30
SuperCasino 4.00 Meals in Moments
4.10 Wildlife SOS 4.35 Wildlife SOS
4.55 County Secrets 5.10 House Doctor 5.35 House Docto

Movie Choices

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE (2009)

A troubled nine-year-old boy runs away from home, finding himself on a strange island populated by fearsome monsters. Fantasy, starring Max Records and Catherine Keener. Sky Movies Family

4.30-6.15pm THE INVISIBLE MAN (1933) A scientist discovers the secret of invisibility, but the power it gives him drives him insane. James Whale's sci-fi drama, starring Claude Rains and Gloria Stuart. Sky Movies Classics 5.40-7pm

MOULIN ROUGE! (2001) MOULIN ROUGE! (2001)
An idealistic writer arrives in
Paris to join the bohemian
revolution and falls in love with
a courtesan. Romantic musical,
starring Ewan McGregor, Nicole
Kidman and Jim Broadbours
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Sky Movies Modern Greats
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5.50-8pm
DESPICABLE ME (2010)
An evil genius adopts three orphans to aid his latest plot, but fatherhood has a strange effect on him. Animated comedy, with the voices of Steve Carell and Jason Segel. Sky Movies Family 6.15-8pm
BRIGHT STAR (2009)
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DRIGHT STAR (2009)
Biopic, telling the story of 19th
century poet John Keats' threeyear relationship with neighbour
Fanny Brawne. Starring Ben
Whishaw, Abbie Cornish and
Paul Schneider. Sky Movies
Indie 7,00-9pm

Indie 7.00-9pm PLEASE GIVE (2010) A woman who makes a living selling furniture bought from grieving families looks for a way to ease her guilt. Comedy drama, starring Catherine Keener and Amanda Peet. Sky Movies Indie 9.00-10.35pm

Talent 10.30 I'm a Celebrity: Best Trials Ever 11.30 Westlife 12.30 Emmerdale 1.05 Celebrity Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? 2.15 FILM: Catwoman (2004) 4.25 FILM: Free Willy (1993) 6.40 FILM: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (2005) 9.00 Peter Andre: My Life 10.00 Perez Hilton Superfan 11.00 FILM: The Bourne Identity (2002) 1.20 Emmerdale 1.50 Celebrity Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Christmas Special 3.05 The Vampire Diaries 3.50 Teleshopping 5.50 ITV2 Nightscreen

Satellite & Digital

SKY1 6.00 Brainiac: Science Abuse 7.00 The Glee Project 8.00 Inside Gatwick 9.00 Raising Hope 10.00 Futurama 11.00 Modern Family 11.25 Modern Family: Julie Bowen Interview 11.35 Modern Family: Julie Bowen Interview 11.35 Modern Family 20.00 The Middle 1.00 Futurama 2.00 Safebreakers 3.00 Chris & Wes 3.30 Glenn Martin, DDS 4.00 Inside Gatwick 5.00 The Simpsons 6.00 Chris & Wes:

s. 2.35 BBC News 4.10 Close TITV Mornius Let's Do This 6.30 The Simpsons 8.00 Futurama 8.30 The Simpsons 9.00 Little Cracker 9.30 Troilled 10.00 An Idiot Abroad 2 11.00 A League of Their Own 12.00 Spartacus 1.15 Cop Squad 2.15 Night Cops 3.15 Armed and Dangerous 4.10 Deadwood 5.10 A Different Breed SKY ATLANTIC 6.00 X Files 700 Star Trek: Voyager 8.00 Star Trek: Enterprise 9.00 ER 11.00 X Files 12.00 Star Trek: Cyoyager 1.00 Star Trek: Enterprise 2.00 ER 4.00 Star Trek: Enterprise 5.00 Star

I rialy Milland. 5.20 B Tries: Voyager 6.00 ER 8.00 The Devil's Dinner Party 9.00 The Sopranos 10.15 Boardwalk Empire 11.25 The Devil's Dinner Party 12.25 Game of Thrones 1.40 The Sopranos 2.55 Big Love 4.05 X Files BBC3 7.00 Doctor Who 8.00 FI.LM: Son of Rambow (2008) 9.30 Russell Howards Good News 10.00 FILM: Armageddon (1998) 12.20 Family Guy 1.05 Little Britain 2.05 Him & Her 3.00 Two Pints of Lager and a Packet of Crisps 4.00 Ideal 5.00 Mongrels 5.30 Close

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Earthflight, BBC1,

8pmThe BBC may deliver most of the depressing news that has us all tearing our hair out and worrying about the Eurozone crisis, but it's also the best in the business at distracting us by showing us all what a beautiful place the planet is. After a magnificent year of natural history programming, the channel is serving up a festive treat with this simply awesome celebration of the skies. The channel is capturing some of the world's greatest wildlife phenomena and natural wonders through the eyes of birds in a new rite eyes of binds in a frew natural history series. In Earth Flight, amazing sights from five continents will be revealed in a whole new light as the five-part series joins the journeys of snow geese, cranes, falcons, albatross eagles and other birds. Using cutting-edge new filming techniques to show everything in exquisite detail, viewers have a uniquely privileged perspective flying 9,000 metres high over the sands of the Sahara or skimming metres over the Great Wall of China. The birds are shown up-close in flight and interacting with other animals down below, from barnacle geese encountering herds of migrating reindeer, to pelicans plunging into hundreds of nurse sharks. Spycams film right in the heart of the flock with microlights, hang-gliders and wirecams making up the aerial filming arsenal.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast 9.00 CBBC 9.10 FILM: Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over (2003) Adventure seguel, starring Antonio Banderas. 10.25 FILM: Sharpay's Fabulous Adventure (2011) Premiere. Comedy, starrin Ashley Tisdale. 11.55 FILM: George of the Jungle (1997) Comedy, starring Brendan Fraser 1.20 BBC News; Weather 1.35 Regional News; Weather 1.40 Only Fools and Horses 2.35 The Two Ronnies Sketchbook 3.35 FILM: Superman Returns (2006) Comic book adventure, starring Brandon

- 6.00 BBC News; Weather 6.20 BBC London News;
- Weather 6.30 Celebrity Mastermind With Chris Packham, Alex Winters and Graeme Hawley.
- 7.00 Wallace & Gromit: A Matter of Loaf and Death The duo open their own bakery. 7.30 EastEnders Bianca berates
- Janine for putting more pressure 8.00 Earthflight New series. Bird's-eye view of the natural
- 9.00 Great Expectations Pip is devastated to learn the truth
- from Magwitch. Last in the
- 10.00 BBC News
 10.10 Regional News; Weather
 10.20 Absolutely Fabulous Edina
 and Patsy return for the first of
- 10.50 FILM: I Love You. Man
- (2008) Premiere. Comedy, starring Paul Rudd. 12.30 Skiing Weatherview 12.35 Sign Zone: James May's Man Lab Xmas Special 1.35 Great Expectations 2.35 Lapland 3.50

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies 7.00 CBBC 8.45 FILM: Tarzan's Greatest Adventure (1959) Jungle Adventure, starring Gordon Scott.

10.05 Madagascar 11.05
Yellowstone 12.05 FILM: The
Ipcress File (1965) Spy thriller,
starring Michael Caine. 1.50 FILM: Dirty Rotten Scoundrels (1988) Dirty Hotten Scoundreis (1988) Comedy, starring Michael Caine and Steve Martin. 3.35 Flog It! 4.35 Escape to the Country 5.35 Antiques Road Trip 6.20 FILM: Confessions of a

Shopaholic (2009) Premiere An aspiring journalist takes a job offering financial advice – but struggles to keep her own spending sprees under control. Comedy, starring Isla Fisher.

- 8.00 Dragons' Den: The Hilary Devey Story Charting the life and career of the show's newest star, from her beginnings in Bolton to how she overcame a stroke to become one of Britain's most successful businesswomen 9.00 QI With Brian Blessed, Sean
- 9.30 Never Mind the Buzzcocks
 With Alice Cooper, Lorraine
 Kelly, James Blunt, Tinie
 Tempah and Cilla Black.

Lock and Boss Noble

- 10.00 The Bleak Old Shop of Stuff Dickensian comed adventure, starring Robert
- 1.00 Have I Got 2010 for You 11.30 QI With Ronni Ancona. Dave
- Gorman and Lee Mack.

 12.00 I've Never Seen Star Wars

 12.30 The John Craven Years 1.30

 FILM: The Body Snatcher (1945) Horror, starring Henry Daniell and Boris Karloff. 2.50 BBC News 3.50 Close

ITV1

6.00 CITV 7.40 FILM: New York Minute (2004) Family comedy, starring Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen. 9.25 Countrywise Kitchen: Stocking the Winter Larder 9.55 All Star Family Fortunes 10.55 FILM: The Railway Children (1970) Period family drams starring Period family drama, starring Jenny Agutter. **1.00** ITV News; Weather 1.25 London News Weather 1.25 London News; Weather 1.30 Chitty Chitty Bang Bang: After They Were Famous 2.30 Agatha Christie's Marple 4.30 Inspector Morse 6.30 London Tonight; Weather

- 6.45 ITV News: Weather 7.00 Emmerdale Charity lies to
 Cain in an effort to persuade
 him to drop the accusation
- against Jai. 7.30 That Was 2011: The ITV
- News Review of the Year
 Part one of two. A look back at
 the major stories of the past 12
 months.

 8.00 Emmerdale Charity tells Cain she was present when he was attacked
- 8 30 Coronation Street Kevin fears Sophie is making a mistake as her wedding day
- dawns. 9.00 Paddy's 2011 Show and Telly Paddy McGuinness hosts as three pairs of celebrities answer questions about the year's TV, with one team getting the chance to win up to £20,000 for the charity of their choice.
- 10.10 London News: Weather 10.15 FILM: Notting Hill (1999) Romantic comedy, starrin Roberts and Hugh Grant. 12.30 The Zone 2.35 FILM:
- Scarface (1983) Gangster thriller remake, starring Al Pacino. 5.25 ITV Nightscreen 5.55 Morning News

Channel 4

6.15 Sali Mali 6.20 The Hoobs 6.45 The Hoobs 7.10 Wilde Stories 7.40 Perfect Couples 8.05 Everybody Perfect Couples 8.05 Everybody Loves Raymond 8.35 Everybody Loves Raymond 9.05 Frasier 9.35 Frasier 10.05 The Big Bang Theory 11.05 The Simpsons 11.35 The Simpsons 12.05 FILM: See Spot Run (2001) Capine compdy starring David 12.05 FILM: See Spot Hun (2001 Canine comedy, starring David Arquette. 1.55 FILM: Never Been Kissed (1999) Romantic comedy, with Drew Barrymore and Michael Vartan. 4.00 Come Dine with Me 5.00 Christmas Coach Titp 5.30 Celebrity Come Dine with Me Extra

- 6.00 The Simpsons Guest starring Kiefer Sutherland.
 6.30 Hollyoaks An unexpected arrival threatens to spoil the students' fun on their break.
- Students fun on their oreak.
 7.00 Channel 4 News
 7.25 4thought.tv A Jewish conver discusses Christmas.
 7.30 Come Dine with Me:
 Celebrity Christmas Special
- Actor Danny Young hosts an Aladdin-themed evening. 8.00 Living with the Amish The teenagers stay with youngsters who want to leave their Amish
- communities. Last in the series 9.00 FILM: Dorian Gray (2009) Premiere. Period horror, starring Ren Barnes
- I1.10 Comic Strip Presents
 The Hunt for Tony Spoof
 thriller, starring Stephen
- Mangan. 12.15 Random Acts 12.20 FILM: The Godfather: Part II (1974)
 Oscar-winning gangster sequel,
 starring Al Pacino and Robert De
 Niro. 3.50 Brave New World with Stephen Hawking 4.45 Brothers & Sisters 5.35 Sali Mali 5.40 The Treacle People 5.50 The Hoobs

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 ThunderCats 10.35 Zoo Days 10.50 World's Strongest Man 2011 11.50 5 News Lunchtime 11.55 Ice Boad Truckers 12.55 FILM: Back to the Secret Garden (2000)
Family drama, starring Camilla
Belle. 2.55 FILM: David Copperfield (2000) Charles

Copperied (2000) Charles
Dickens' drama, with Hugh Dancy.
6.20 The Witches of Oz Part two
of two. Fantasy adventure
starring Paulie Rojas as Dorothy
Gale, who tries to stop the
inhabitants of Oz from executing their plans: 5 News Update

8.00 World's Strongest Man 2011
Terry Hollands from Kent,
Lithuanian Vytautas Lalas and
Martin Wildauer from Austria, compete in the third heat from North Carolina; 5 News at 9

9.00 The Mentalist Patrick is called to a car park where an undercover policewoman has been shot, and learns she was trying to obtain evidence agains a drug dealer – whose henchmen later kidnap him

reality star makes an appearance on music quiz Never Mind the Buzzcocks, buys a new car, and reveals her

a new car, and reveals ner clothing collection on the catwalk at a Britain's Next Top Model event. 11.00 The Truth About Cheryl Cole Documentary charting the pop star's rise to fame, from her pop star's rise to fame, from ne beginnings on a Newcastle housing estate to success in music and TV, and examining her plans to make it in the US. 12.00 SuperCasino 3.55 Meals in Moments 4.05 Wildlife SOS 4.55 County Secrets 5.10 House Docto 5.35 House Doctor

Movie Choices FRANKENSTEIN (1931) A

scientist creates a monster and brings it to life, but the cruel treatment of his assistant drives the creature mad. Classic horror, starring Boris Karloff and Colin Clive. **Sky Movies** Classics 2.30-3.50pm FOUR WEDDINGS AND A FUNERAL (1994) A man's misfortunes in love look set to change when he meets an change when he meets an American beauty at a wedding. Richard Curtis's romantic comedy, starring Hugh Grant, Andie MacDowell and John

Hannah. Sky Movies Comedy 3.45-5.50pm MICMACS (2009) A man who witchhacs (2009) A man who survives being shot in the head enlists the help of a band of eccentrics in bringing down two arms companies. Comedy, starring Dany Boon and Andre Dussollier. Sky Movies Indie 4.30-6.20pm

THE OUT-OF-TOWNERS (1970) A couple plan a perfect break in New York, but their trip soon degenerates into a series of disasters. Comedy, starring Jack Lemmon and Sandy Dennis. Sky Movies Classics 7:00-8.45pm

SHAUN OF THE DEAD (2004) An aimless man decides to get his life back on track just as zombies start to roam the streets of London to feast on the living. Comedy horror, with Simon Pegg and Nick Frost. Sky Movies Comedy 8.00-

9.45pm **THE SOCIAL NETWORK** following billionaire Mark
Zuckerberg's rise to wealth and
fame, and the enemies he

made along the way. With Jesse Eisenberg. Sky Movies Christmas 9.50-11.55pm

Satellite & Digital

SKY1 6.00 Brainiac: Science Abuse 7.00 The Glee Project 8.00 Inside Gatwick 9.00 Raising Hope 10.00 Futurama 11.00 Modern Family 12.00 The Middle 1.00 Futurama 2.00 Matthew Morrison Live at the Hammersmith Apollo 3.00 Chris & Wes 3.30 Glenn Martin, DDS 4.00 A League of Their Own 5.00 The Simpsons 6.00 Chris & Wes 6.30 The Simpsons

8.00 Futurama 8.30 The Simpsons 9.00 Little Cracker 9.30 Trollied 10.00 An Idiot Abroad 2 11.00 A League of Their Own 12.00 Spartacus 1.10 Cop Squad 2.10 Night Cops 3.05 Deadwood 4.05 Hello Goodbye 5.00 Modern Family: Julie Bowen Interview 5.10 Chance to Save SKY ATLANTIC 6.00 The X Files 7.00 Star Trek: Voyagre 8.00 Star Trek: Voyager 8.00 Star Trek: Enterprise 9.00 ER 11.00 The X Files 12.00 Star Trek: Voyager 1.00 Star Trek: Enterprise 2.00 ER 4.00 Star Trek:

Enterprise 5.00 Star Trek: Voyager 6.00
ER 8.00 Inside the Actors Studio 9.00
Alex Crawford: A Year to Remember 10.00
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ILM: Road to Perdition (2002) 12.20 Six
Feet Under 1.35 Game of Thrones 2.50
Six Feet Under 4.05 The X Files
BBC3 7.00 Shrek: Once Upon A Time 8.00
FILM: Shrek (2001) 9.25 Most Annoying
People 2011 9.30 Russell Howards 10.00
EastEnders 10.30 Russell Howards 11.00
Family Guy 11.45 American Dad1 12.30
Little Britain 1.30 Him & Her 2.30 Two Pints

of Lager and a Packet of Crisps 3.30 Ideal
4.30 Shrek: Once Upon A Time 5.25 Close
BBC4 7.00 Wonders of the Universe 8.00
Royal Institution Christmas Lectures 2011
9.00 After Life: Science of Decay 10.30
Frank Skinner on George Formby 11.30 Old
Jews Telling Jokes 12.30 Only Connect
1.00 Wonders of the Universe 2.00 Royal
Institution Christmas Lectures 2011 3.00
Old Jews Telling Jokes 4.00 Close
ITV2 6.00 Emmerdale 6.25 Pushing
Daisies 7.10 The Xtra Factor: Kelly's Best

and Worst 8.10 Britain's Got More Talent 9.10 I'm a Celebrity 10.10 Odd One In 11.00 This Is Justin Bieber 12.00 This Is Justin Bieber 12.00 Celebrity Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Christmas Special 2.00 FLIM: Innerspace (1987) 4.20 FILM: The Scorpion King (2002) 6.05 FILM: Richie Richi (1994) 8.00 50 Greatest Harry Potter Moments 10.00 Celebrity Juice 11.00 FILM: The Bourne Supremacy (2004) 1.10 Coronation Street 1.40 Emmerdale 2.30 Teleshopping 5.30 ITV2 Nightscreen



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A Royal Year to Remember, ITV1. 9pm

In 1992, the Queen gave a famously honest Christmas address describing the previous 12 months as an ëannus horribilis. Well to be fair, the royal family had just been rocked by divorce, scandal and a fire at Windsor Castle. Luckily though, there's no need for her to feel gloomy about 2011, which has been a banner year for the monarchy For a start, it saw the wedding of William and Kate, which resulted in a genuine national celebration – and not just because most of us got an extra day off work out of it. Across Britain, people were holding street parties, or just getting friends together to watch it, while the sales of Union Jack-themed souvenirs suggests the nuptials brought out the patriotic, royalist side in many of the Queen's subjects. But as Alan Titchmarsh discovers, that's not the only thing the Windsors had to celebrate that vear. There was also another royal wedding, as Zara Phillips wed Mike Tindall, not to mention the Queen's historic visit to Ireland. Here, Titchmarsh looks at all the work that went on behind the scenes to make these events happen, and hears from insiders about what it means

for the future of the monarchy

BBC1

akfast 9.00 FILM: The Cat in the Hat (2003) Comedy fantasy, starring Mike Myers. 10.20 FILM: Sky High (2005) Fantasy com-Sky High (2005) Fantasy comedy, starring Kurt Russell. 11.55 FILM: Paulie (1998) Family adventure, starring Gena Rowlands. 1.20 BBC News; Weather 1.35 Regional News; Weather 1.45 Only Fools and Horses 2.40 Only Fools and Horses 3.30 FILM: National Treasure (2004) Action adventure starring Nicolas Cage. **5.30**Wallace & Gromit: A Close Shave 6.00 BBC News; Weather 6.20 BBC London News:

6.30 Celebrity Mastermind With Matthew Hoggard, Jules Hudson, Justin Moorhouse and

7.00 The One Show: Best of 2011 Matt Baker and Alex Jones reflect on memorable moments from the One Show year.

8.00 EastEnders Ricky, Bianca

and their children struggle to meet Janine's deadline

8 30 Have I Got News for You Highlights of recent series. Last in the series.

9.00 New Tricks The team

investigates the death of a college professor. 10.00 BBC News

10.10 Regional News; Weather
10.20 The Graham Norton Show
Highlights from recent series.
11.05 John Bishop's Britain Christmas Special

11.50 The National Lottery Friday Night Draws

11.55 FILM: Cold Creek Manor (2003) Thriller, starring Dennis Quaid and Sharon Stone. 1.50 Weatherview 1.55 Sign Zone: Great Expectations 2.55 Fry's Planet Word 3.55 BBC News

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies 7.00 CBBC 9.00 FILM: David Copperfield (1935) Charles Dickens period drama starring Freddie Bartholomew and Frank Lawton 11.05 FILM: The Life and Adventures of Nicholas Nickleby (1947) Charles Dickens adaptation, starring Derek Bond. 12.50 FILM: A Tale of Two Cities (1958) Dickens adaptation set during the French Revolution, v Dirk Bogarde, 2.45 Coast 3.45 Dirk Bogarde. 2.45 Coast 3.45 Flog It! 4.45 Escape to the Country 5.45 Antiques Road Trip 6.30 The Good Life Margo and

Jerry spend Christmas with the Goods.

7.00 As Time Goes By Hour-long special, which sees Lionel and Jean reminisce about their time together. Geoffrey Palmer and Judi Dench star.

8.00 The Many Faces of Dame Judi Dench Charting the Osca winning actress's rise to fame, including a clip of an early TV appearance in Z Cars, and exploring how she achieved success in Hollywood.

9.00 Mrs Dickens' Family Christmas Sue Perkins explores Charles Dickens marriage, and reveals how the couple's family festivities compared with the heart warming versions he wrote about in A Christmas Carol.

10.00 QI XL With Brian Blessed,

Sean Lock and Ross Noble. 10.45 FILM: Transsiberian (2008) Premiere. Thriller, starring

Woody Harrelson.

12.25 Never Mind the Buzzcocks
12.55 Grumpy Guide to Driving
1.25 FILM: The Curse of the Cat People (1944) Fantasy sequel starring Ann Carter, 2.35 BBC News 3.55 Close

6.00 CITV 7.30 FILM: The Perfect Man (2005) Romantic comedy with Hilary Duff and Heather Locklear, 9.25 The Lakes at Christmas 9.55 All Star Family Fortunes 10.55 Pollyanna 12.55 ITV News; Weather 1.25 London News; Weather 1.30 Bugsy Malone: After They Were Famous 2.30 Agatha Christie's Poirot 4.30

nspector Morse 6.30 London Tonight; Weather 6.45 ITV News; Weather 7.00 Emmerdale Charity tells Jai

that she lied to Cain to persuad him to drop the accusation, and visits Zak and Lisa, insisting she and Jai are innocent. Laurel considers Nicola's suggestion. 7.30 Coronation Street Sian

rushes back to No 4 in tears. intent on leaving the Street, but Sophie arrives home and asks for another chance. Peter has to hide in Carla's bedroom when

Anne pays a visit.

3.00 That Was 2011: The ITV News Review of the Year Part two of two. The major stories of the past six months

8.30 New You've Been Framed!

9.00 A Royal Year to Remember Alan Titchmarsh recalls the highlights of the UK monarchy's 2011, including two very differer royal weddings and the Queen's historic visit to the Republic of

10.00 ITV News at Ten: Weather 10.00 ITV News at Ien; Weather
10.10 London News; Weather
10.15 FILM: The Holiday (2006)
Romantic comedy, starring
Cameron Diaz and Kate Winslet.
12.45 Brand New It'll Be Alright on

the Night 1.45 The Zone 3.30 Kojak 4.25 ITV Nightscreen 5.55 ITV Morning New

Channel 4

6.15 The Hoobs 6.40 Wilde Stories 7.10 Perfect Couples 7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond 8.05 Everybody Loves Haymond 8.05 Everybody Loves Raymond 8.35 Frasier 9.05 Frasier 9.35 The Big Bang Theory 10.05 The Big Bang Theory 10.35 The Simpsons 11.10 The Simpsons 11.40 FILM: Clueless (1995) Teen comedy.

1.40 FILM: CutThroat Island 1.40 FILM: CutThroat Island (1995) Swashbuckling adventure, starring Geena Davis. 4.00 Come Dine with Me 5.00 Christmas Coach Trip 5.30 Celebrity Come Dine with Me Extra Portions

6.00 The Simpsons 6.30 Hollyoaks 7.00 Channel 4 News

7.25 4thought.tv 7.30 Come Dine with Me: Celebrity Christmas Special Former Doctor Who star Colin Baker hosts the final dinner

party. Last in the series.

3.00 Bear's Wild Weekend with
Miranda Actress Miranda Hart
accompanies Bear Grylls on a two-day expedition in the Alps.

9.00 Comedy Showcase: The Angelos Neil Epithemiou Show Entertainment show, written by and starring Dan Skinner. 9.30 Lee Evans: Access All

Arenas Highlights of the comedian's arena tours

10.35 An Evening with Lee
Evans A festive set by the
comedian recorded at the Duke
of York Theatre in Westminster. 11.05 The World of Lee Evans 11.40 The World of Lee Evans 12 10 Bandom Acts 12 15 FILM: The Godfather: Part III (199

Crime drama sequel, starring Al Pacino. 3.15 Steve Jobs: iChanged the World 4.10 Brave New World with Stephen Hawking 5.05 Brothers & Sisters

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 ThunderCats 10.35 Animal Rescue Squad 10.50 Meerkat Manor 11.20 Squad 10.50 Meerkat Manor 11.20 World's Strongest Man 2011 12.25 5 News Lunchtime 12.35 Ice Road Truckers 1.30 FILM: Showdown at Abilene (1956) Western, starring Jock Mahoney and Marthe Hyer. 3.15 FILM: Alice in Wonderland (1900) A city fully interest of the properties of the control of the control of the city of the (1999) A girl falls into an oversized rabbit warren and emerges into a magical world filled with a host of bizarre characters. Fantasy adventure, with Tina Majorino and Whoopi Goldberg. 5.45 FILM:

Snow White (2001) A widower extraction to a proper to a proper to the proper to the control of the control o struggling to provide for his daughter is granted three wishes by a strange creature – but at a high price. Fairy-tale fantasy, with Kristin Kreuk and Miranda

Richardson. 7.30 Fifth Gear Jonny Smith provides details of new car debuts at the Los Angeles Auto Show, and Tiff Needell tests two high-performance hatchbacks that are also claimed to be economical Last in the series: 5 News Undate

8.00 World's Strongest Man 2011 Lithuania's Zydrunas Savickas, Portsmouth's Rob Frampton and America's Mike Jenkins compete in heat four of the finals in North Carolina; 5 News 0.00 Most Shocking Celebrity

Moments of 2011 Countdown o the year's best celebrity gossip including Charlie Sheen's public meltdown, Ryan Giggs's marital infidelities and Cheryl Cole's sacking from The X Factor USA. **12.00** SuperCasino **4.05** Motorsport Mundial **4.30** Fifth Geal 4.55 County Secrets 5.10 House Doctor 5.35 House Doctor

Movie Choices

CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG (1968) An inventor saves an old car from the scrap heap to find it has magical powers. Children's musical adventure, with Dick Van Dyke and Lionel Jeffries. Sky Movies Modern Greats 3.35-6pm FINDING NEMO (2003) A clown fish tries to rescue his son, who has been netted by a scuba diver. Pixar animated adventure, with the voice of Alexander Gould. **Sky Movies**

Family 4.40-6.25pm WORLD'S GREATEST DAD (2009) A downtrodden teacher makes his son's accidental death look like a accidental death look like a suicide, and finds the tragedy makes him famous. Black comedy, with Robin Williams and Daryl Sabara. Sky Movies Indie 6.00-7.50pm

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HARRY POTTER AND
THE PRISONER OF
AZKABAN (2004) The young
wizard is alarmed to learn a
dangerous fugitive sorcerer has
him in his sights. The third in the
fantasy adventure series,
starring Daniel Radcliffe and
Gary Oldman. Sky Movies
Family 8.00-10.20pm
3:10 TO YUMA (1957) A
farmer agreeing to escort a farmer agreeing to escort a dangerous outlaw is holed up in a hotel with the villain until the train arrives to transport him to jail. Western, starring Glenn Ford and Van Heflin. Sky Movies Classics 8.40-10.20pm UNBREAKABLE (2000) A

seemingly ordinary security guard is baffled when he emerges unscathed from a train crash - but a mysterious stranger may know why. Drama, with Bruce Willis and Samuel L Jackson. **Sky Movies Sci-fi/ Horror** 10.50pm-12.40am

And Worst 8.40 Britain's Got More Talent 9.50 I'm a Celebrity: Jungle Royalty 10.50 Coronation Street 11.20 Emmerdale 12.15 EILM: You've Got Mail (1998) 2.40 FILM: The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (2000) 4.35 FILM: Yims (1988) 6.45 All Star Family Fortunes 7.45 A Night with Beyoncé 9.00 Benidorm 10.15 Tweets of the Year 11.45 FILM: The Bourne Ultimatum (2007) 2.00 Perez Hilton Superlan 2.50 Coronation Street 3.15 Emmerdale 3.40 The Black Donnellys 4.30 Teleshopping

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SKY1 6.00 Brainiac: Science Abuse 7.00 The Glee Project 8.00 A League of Their Own 9.00 Raising Hope 10.00 Futurama 11.00 Modern Family 11.25 Modern Family: Sofia Vergara Interview 11.35 Modern Family 12.00 The Middle 1.00 Futurama 2.00 Diversity Live 3.00 Chris & Wes 3.30 Glenn Martin, DDS 4.00 A League of Their Own 5.00 Simpsons 6.00 Chris &

Wes 6.30 Simpsons 8.00 Futurama 8.30 Simpsons 9.00 Little Cracker 9.30 Trollied 10.00 An Idiot Abroad 2 11.00 A League of Their Own 12.00 Spartacus 1.10 Cop Squad 2.10 Night Cops 3.05 Deadwood 4.05 Modern Family: Soft Vergara Interview 4.15 Harry Enfield's Excellent Adventure 5.10 Final Chance to Save Adventure 5.10 Final Chance to Save **SKY ATLANTIC** 6.00 The X Files 7.00 Star Trek: Voyager 8.00 Star Trek: Enterprise 9.00 ER 11.00 The X Files 12.00 Star Trek: Voyager 1.00 Star Trek: Enterprise 2.00 ER

4.00 Star Trek: Enterprise 5.00 Star Trek: Voyager 6.00 Er8 8.00 Anthony Bourdain 9.00 Big Love 10.15 Alex Crawford: A Year Demember 11.15 In Treatment 1.15 The Sopranos 2.30 Game of Thrones 3.45 Big Love 5.00 Inside the Actions Studio BBC3 7.00 The Gruffalo's Child 755 FILM: The Chronicles of Narriai-The Lion The Witch and the

of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (2005) 10.05 EastEnders 10.40 Russell Howard's Good News 11.10 Family Guy 12.20 American Dad! 1.00 Simon

Amstell 2.00 Little Britain 3.00 Him & Her 3.30 Ideal 4.30 Simon Amstell: 5.30 Close BBC4 7.00 Darcey Bussell Dances Hollywood 8.30 BBC Proms 2011 10.30 Charlie Brooker's 2011 Wipe 11.30 FILM: Lemmy: The Movie (2010) 1.25 Thin Lizzy: Bad Reputation 2.25 Charlie Brooker's 2011 Wipe 3.25 Darcey Bussell Dances Hollywood 4.55 Close Hollywood 4.55 Close ITV2 6.00 Coronation Street 6.25 Emmerdale 7.20 The Planet's Funniest Animals 7.40 The Xtra Factor: Louis' Best

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A tipple to take your fancy during your festive party times

By Sam Wylie-Harris

rITH family and friends to please and lots of parties to attend, it's important to fill up your Christmas cupboards and have your favourite wines close to hand.

Whether you're partial to reasonably priced frothy bubbles, a rich white or lip-smacking red, people like to drink with their eyes and there's plenty of liquid persuasion to suit small purses and sophisticated palates.



started, try serving a glamorous cocktail in an instant with the new Tails range of shakers, such as the Cosmopolitan (£11.99, serves four, 18 per cent abv, www.theonlineoff licence.co.uk). All lounge lizards have to do is add ice, shake and pour into a martini glass... bottoms up!

For a festive toast before the meal, try Taste the Difference Prosecco Conegliano 2009 (£6.65 from £9.99 until Dec 31, Sainsbury's). With a lovely creamy mousse taste and plenty of white peach flavours, this fine Italian fizz will make your party rise from B-list to A-list in no time.

Style-seekers will love the silver and black label that's been fashioned for La Farra Prosecco Brut DOC www.champagneware house.com). Weightier and slightly more complex, these feisty bubbles are crisp and fresh with a dollop of nectarine ripeness on the finish. A winner with smoked salmon blinis.

A good Spanish Cava is always a safe bet when friends drop by unexpectedly. Try Freixenet Cordon Negro Brut NV (£6.99 from £8.99, until Jan 4, Waitrose). Made by the same method as Champagne, but without the hefty price tag, it's a blend of

three traditional Cava grape varieties. With fresh melon flavours and a hint of pineapple rising from the glass, it's an easy drinker

with veggie dishes, bite-sized party food and dips.

For the closest thing to the real deal, pop the cork on a French Cremant made in the same traditional method, but with grapes from outside the Champagne region. Winner of the Quality Drink Awards 2010, try Philippe Michel Cremant du Jura 2007 (£6.99, Aldi). Made with 100 per cent Chardonnay, it's refreshingly



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dry, brightly fruity with a creamy finish and tight bubbles – a classy serve your guests will swoon over.

Wine-worthy occasions call medium-bodied reds and well-rounded whites which have the versatility to stand on their own – and complement various foods from mini quiches, cocktail sausages and smoked salmon sandwiches, to a hearty chilli con carne – one of the best dishes for casual affairs.

For white wine lovers, you can't beat the excellent value Henri De Lorgere Macon-Villages 2007 (£4.99, Aldi). An IWC silver medal winner and Decanter Bronze, it's a beautiful bargain Chardonnay from Burgundy Crisp, food-friendly with good acidity and satisfyingly refreshing, it's a no-brainer when the door-

bell rings.
South Africa produces some of the most reasonable and easy drinking reds. Try Six Hats Fairtrade Shiraz 2009 (£5.48 from £6.97, until Dec 31, Asda), Silver and Best in Class 2010 IWSC award winner, it's nice and fruity with a streak of spice and kick of green-black pepper - a good glug-

ger with nibbles.

If you're lusting after a warming red to grace the table, try Canaletto Primitivo Puglia 2008 (£6.99, Waitrose). Smooth and rich with blackberry leaping from the glass and faint hints of vanilla, it's an ideal match with a celebratory roast dinner,

Difference Prosecco Conegliano 2009, £6.65 from £9.99, Sainsbury's.

or a midweek drinker with bite-sized

Finding a half-price deal on a sister red and white is always a triumph for the tastebuds – and the wine rack. When the festive fervour has to flow, try Luis Felipe Edwards Reservado Cabernet Sauvignon, Carmenere, Cabernet Franc 2010 (£3.99 from £7.99, until Jan 4, The Co-op) and Luis Felipe Edwards Reservado Chardonnay Viognier (£3.99 from £7.99, until Jan 4, The Co-op).

This Chilean double act will keep everyone happy. The red blend is velvety smooth with ribbons of redcurrant and soft tannins, while the Chardonnay Viognier smacks of tropical fruit flavours with a fragrant, honeved nose.

Serve any of the above and your friends will be delighted.





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Jools' Annual Hootenanny 2011, BBC2, 11.15pm

There's only one place to be on New Year's Eve 2011 and off new feat's Eve 2011 and that's in front of the box watching Jools Holland.

Among this year's guests are that girl who still just wants to have fun, Cyndi Lauper. Time after time she's come up with cracking singles, and here she shows her true colours with a couple of old classics as well as a track from recent album Memphis Blues. There's a chance to see Sandie Shaw who belts out a couple of her number-one singles, including (There's) Always Something There to Remind Me. along with James Morrison, the Vaccines and Imelda May. One of 2011's most successful One of 2011's most successful artists has been Jessie J, whose grimy pop smash Do It Like a Dude left the moral majority tutting over it's 'Parental Advisory' lyrics, while her performances on The X Factor in America and the UK added much glamour to that TV talent search juggernaut. Here she'll be setting many a foot tapping with her infectious chart-topper Price Tag. While she claimed 'It's not about the money.' Aloe Blacc's request 'I Need a Dollar' touched a chord with many this year. He'll also be dropping in to perform that smash. Plus, there's a chance to enjoy blues group Pokey LaFarge and the South City Three and Hootenanny regulars Ruby Turner and Jools' own Rhythm

& Blues Orchestra

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast 10.00 Saturday Kitchen 11.30 Nigel Slater's Simple Suppers 12.00 BBC News; Suppers 12.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather 12.15 Football Focus 1.00 Formula 1: 2011 Season Review 2.00 FILM: The Pacifier (2005) 3.30 A Question of Sport 4.00 Final Score **5.10** BBC News; Regional News; Weather **5.30** Comic Relief 2011:

What a Cracker
6.25 Winter Wipeout Richard
Hammond and Amanda Byram
present a winter-themed version of Total Wipeout, which sees the contestants tackling an all-new snow-covered course.

725 FILM: Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End (2007) The swashbuckling rogues join forces with old foe Barbossa to rescue Captain Jack Sparrow from the land of the dead. Fantasy adventure sequel, with Johnny Depp. 10.00 BBC News; Weather 10.20 Match of the Day Gary

U.zu watch of the Day Gary Lineker presents highlights of today's Premier League clashes including Swansea City v Tottenham Hotspur and Manchester United v Blackburn

11.40 The National Lottery
Saturday Night Draws OJ Borg
announces the all-important

numbers. 11.50 New Year Live 2011 Jake Humphrey joins the people of London to welcome in the new year, as the chimes of Big Ben are followed by a fireworks display lighting up the sky over the River Thames.

12.15 Lee Mack Going Out Live

1.15 Michael McIntyre's Christmas Comedy Roadshow 2.15 Weatherview 2.20 BBC News

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies 7.05 CBBC 10.05 FILM: Home on the Range (2004) Disney animated comedy, with the voice of Roseanne Barr. 11.15 voice of Hoseanne Barr. 11.15 FILM: First Daughter (2004) Romantic comedy, starring Katie Holmes and Marc Blucas. 12.55 Escape to the Country 1.35 FILM: Viva Knievel! (1977) Motorcycling adventure, starring Evel Knievel.

3.15 Springwatch Christmas
Special 4.45 FILM: The Guns of
Navarone (1961) Allied soldiers
are sent to sabotage German artillery emplacements. Second World War adventure based on Alistair MacLean's novel, with Gregory Peck and Anthony Quinn 7.15 Flog It! People are invited to try to make money by selling

eir antiques at auction 8.00 Morecambe & Wise: The Show What Paul Merton Did Paul Merton hosts a festive celebration of the British comedy duo, featuring archive footage, tributes from their peers and comments from performers who still feel their influence

9.00 Eric & Ernie One-off drama about Morecambe and Wise's early years, from their meeting on the children's variety circuit to their first TV appearances Victoria Wood and Jim Moir star

10.30 Parkinson, Morecambe & Wise Archive footage of chat show host Michael Parkinson interviewing comedy legends Morecambe and Wise

11.15 Jools' Annual Hootenanny 2011 Jools Holland brings in the New Year, with performances by Cyndi Lauper, Sandie Shaw, Aloe Blacc, James Morrison, the Vaccines and Caro Emerald 1.30 Glastonbury Best Bits 2011

6.00 CITV 7.50 FILM: Scooby-Doo and the Alien Invaders (2000) Animated adventure, with the voice of Jeff Bennett. 9.25 Monk 9.30 Horrid Henry 9.45 Funniest Ever You've Been Framed! 10.45 Coronation Street 1.30 ITV News; Weather 1.45 FILM: Pride and Prejudice (2005) Period drama, starring Keira Period drama, starring Keira Knightley. 4.05 FILM: The Queen (2006) Oscar-winning biographical drama, starring Helen Mirren. 6.05 London Tonight; Weather

5.05 London forlingh; Weather
 6.36 Harry Hill's TV Burp Xmas
 Special Compilation of the
 show's festive specials.
 7.00 Westlife: For the Last Time
 Christine Bleakley joins Kian,
 Mark, Nicky and Shane for a

farewell special ahead of the farewell special anead or tne band's break-up next year, featuring greatest hits, archive footage and interviews. 8.00 The Cube Two more contestants – 22-year-old Jamie and Dean from Cardiff – try to

complete tasks within the confinete tasks within the confines of the Cube in a bid to win £250,000. Last in the series 0.00 Brand New It'll Be Alright on the Night 2 TV bloopers,

presented by Griff Rhys Jones presented by Griff Hnys Jones. 10.00 ITV News; Weather 10.15 The Nation's Favourite Bee Gees Song The group's most popular compositions, as voted for by the British public. 11.45 ITV News and Countdown

to 2012 12.05 That Was 2011: The ITV

12.05 That Was 2011: The ITV News Review of the Year 1.05 FILM: The Blues Brothers (1980) Comedy, starring John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd, 3.20 In Plain Sight 4.50 ITV Nightscreen 5.55 ITV Morning News

Channel 4

6.00 The Treacle People 6.10 The Hoobs 6.35 The Hoobs 7.00 GT Academy 7.30 Extreme Sailing Academy 7.30 Extreme Salling Series 8.00 The Morning Line 8.55 T4: The Big Bang Theory 9.25 The Big Bang Theory 9.50 Shipwrecked: The Island 10.50 Beyonce Live at Roseland 11.55 FILM: Three Men and a Baby (1987) Comptly starring Tom (1987) Comedy, starring Tom Selleck, Ted Danson and Steve Guttenberg. 1.55 Channel 4 Racing 3.55 The Simpsons 4.25 Come Dine with Me 4.55 Come Dine with Me 5.25 Come Dine with Me

6.25 Come Dine with Me Toni Giugliano hosts the final dinner party in Edinburgh. 6.55 Channel 4 News 7.05 4thought.tv A Christian

lesbian reveals what Christmas

The Fig. 10 of the state of the Barker and Richard Beckinsale

9,00 Alan Carr's New Year
Specstacular The comic throws
a New Year party, with guests
Jonathan Ross, David Walliams Micky Flanagan, Alesha Dixon, Bruno Tonioli and Heston

Blumenthal, and music by JLS and the Ting Tings.

11.35 Rude Tube: Epic

Christmas Alex Zane presents the 50 greatest festive internet

12.40 The Simpsons 1.10 FILM: Invasion of the Body Snatchers (1956) 2.30 Southland 3.15 St Elsewhere 4.05 Brave New World with Stephen Hawking 5.00 Brothers & Sisters 5.50 Sali Mali 5.55 The Hoobs

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Impossible' 11.00 World's Strongest Man 2011 12.00 Ice Road Truckers 12.55 Ber Hur 4.35 FILM: 21 (2008) Premiere. A brilliant but hard-up student agrees to be inducted into a card-counting scam to raise the money he needs to enrol in college. Drama, with Kevin Spacey and Jim Sturgess. Including 5 News Update.

6.55 5 News Weekend
7.00 World's Strongest Man 2011
James Richardson and Caroline
Pearce present heat five of the finals from Wingate University,
North Carolina, where the lineup for the final was set to be
decided.

8.00 TV's 50 Greatest Magic

Tricks A rundown of illusions that have stood the test of time on the small screen, featuring Penn and Teller, Derren Brown, David Blaine, Paul Daniels and new kid on the block Dynamo. 10.40 FILM: Up the Front (1972)

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A cowardly footman is
hypnotised into enlisting during
the First World War. He
becomes an unlikely hero by
helping to steal secret German
plans by having them tattooed on his bottom, but has to escape on his bottom, but has to escal a seductive enemy agent scheming to get her hands on the information. Comedy, starring Frankie Howerd, Zsa Zsa Gabor, Bill Fraser, Lance Percival and Dora Bryan

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12.25 Comedy Kings: Best of Just
for Laughs. With Dara O Briain.
12.50 SuperCasino 4.00 Great
Artists 4.25 Divine Designs 4.50
County Secrets 5.00 Hana's
Helpline 5.10 The Milkshakel Show
3.5 Thomas & Friends 5.45 Roov 5.35 Thomas & Friends 5.45 Roam the Racing Car

Movie Choices

AVATAR (2009) Paraplegic marine Jake Sully is sent to the alien moon of Pandora to take part in the Avatar Program in place of his dead scientist brother. However, once there Jake is asked to infiltrate the native Navi and gather intelligence for a corrupt mining executive. But as he learns their ways and is welcomed into a tribe, he begins to question

axecutive. But as he learns their ways and is welcomed into a tribe, he begins to question whether he is doing the right thing. James Cameron's sci-fia adventure, starring Sam Worthington. Sky Movies Christmas 5.15-8pm

THE SOCIAL NETWORK (2010) Fact-based drama following Internet billionaire Mark Zuckerberg's rise to wealth and fame. An online prank played on an ex-girlfriend gives Harvard student Zuckerberg the idea for Facebook, which soon expands from the University to a worldwide phenomenon. However, in getting his project off the ground, he makes enemies of those who helped him along the way. With Jesse Eisenberg and Justin Timberlake. Sky Movies Drama & Romance 8.00-10.05pm

THE KIMC'S SPEECH (2011)

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The younger son of George V struggles to cope with an uncontrollable stammer prompting his wife to enlist the aid of an eccentric Australian speech therapist. The support and friendship of the doctor proves invaluable when a crisis places the repressed prince on the throne, just as the outbreak of the Second World War leaves the country in need of a strong king. Oscar-winning fact-based drama, starring Colin Firth. Sky Movies Premiere 10pm-12am

vulcanologist is convinced a volcano is about to erupt and races to save a town from destruction. Disaster movie, starring Pierce Brosana, Linda Hamilton and Elizabeth Hoffman. 10.00 Celebrity Juice: 2041 – A Juice Odyssey 11.00 Tweets of the Year 12.30 Peter Andre: My Life 1.30 I'm a Celebrity: Best Trials Ever 2.25 I'm a Celebrity: Jungle Gold 3.20 I'm a Celebrity: Jungle Royalty 4.10 Ghosthunting with The Only Way Is Essex 5.20 Teleshopping 5.50 ITV2 Nightscreen

Satellite & Digital

SKY1 6.00 A Different Breed 7.00
Ballroom High 8.00 A League of Their
Own 9.00 WWE 10.00 Soccer AM 12.00
Sömm 12.30 Simpsons 1.30 Oops TV
2.00 Futurama 3.50 Modern Family 4.00
Terra Nova 6.00 The Simpsons 7.00
Making of David Attenborough's Bachelor
King 6.00 Futurama 9.00 FiLM: Dude,
Where's My Car? (2000) Teen comedy,

starring Seann William Scott. 10.40 An Idiot Abroad 2 12.40 Diversity Live: The Diversitoys Tour 1.40 Matthew Morrison Live at the Hammersmith Apollo 2.40 All Star Don't Forget the Lyrics 4.30 David Baddiel's Little Cracker 4.45 Julian Barrati's Little Cracker 5.00 Chris O'Dowd's Little Cracker 5.15 Julia Davis's Little Cracker 5.00 Ops TV SKY ATLANTIC 6.00 Inside the Actors Studio 10.00 Star Tiek: Enterprise 3.00 ER 8.00 The Devil's Dinner Party 9.00

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The X Files 4.10 This Is Jinsy 5.10 Inside
the Actors Studio
BBC3 7.00 Great Movie Mistakes III: Not
in 3D 9.00 Most Annoying People of 2011
12.00 Family Guy 1.30 American Dad!
3.00 How Not to Live Your Life 4.00 Great
Movie Mistakes III: Not in 3D 5.00 Close
BBC4 7.00 Birmingham Royal Ballet's
Cinderella 9.00 Molown at the BBC 10.00
Edinburgh Comedy Live 11.00 Charlie

Brooker's 2011 Wipe 12.00 Legends: Roy Orbison – The "Big O" in Britain 1.00 Edinburgh Comedy Live 2.00 Birmingham Royal Ballet's Cinderella 4.00 Close ITV2 6.00 The Planet's Funniest Animals 6.25 Emmerdale 10.00 Paddy's 2011 Show and Telly 11.00 All Star Family Fortunes 1.200 FILM: Dennis (1993) 1.45 50 Greatest Harry Potter Moments 3.45 FILM: Free Willy (1993) 6.05 FILM: The Polar Express (2004) Animated adventure. 8.00 FILM: Dante's Peak (1997) A

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Sherlock, BBC1, 8.10pm

Let's be honest, when it was first announced that the BBC were 're-imagining' Sherlock Holmes for the 21st-century, many of us were more than a little bit sceptical about whether it would work. But when the first series actually aired last year, it was so gripping that everyone but the most hardened Arthur Conan Doyle fan forgot their initial quibble – especially when the third episode ended on an almighty cliffhanger. Now after what feels like a very long wait, Sherlock nedict Cumberbatch) and Watson (Martin Freeman) are back for three new mysteries. The first episode finds our detective duo investigating when a case of blackmail threatens to go right to the very heart of the British establishment. They find themselves dealing with international terrorism, rogue CIA agents and a shadowy conspiracy which, let's fact it, is more or less just another day at the office for Holmes and Watson. But that's before their investigations bring Sherlock into contact with someone every bit as cold, ruthless and brilliant as he is - Irene Adler (Lara Pulver). Is it possible that he wants her to be more than just a worthy antagonist? Una Stubbs, Mark Gatiss and Rupert Graves are all back too, as well as Moriarty himself,

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast 8.40 Match of the Day 10.00 Winter Wipeout 11.00 FILM: Mouse Hunt (1997) Slapstick comedy, starring Lee Evans and Nathan Lane. 12.35 Evans and Natnan Lane. 12.35 BBC News; Weather 12.45 The Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year Message 12.50 Songs of Praise – New Year's Day Big Sing 1.30 FILM: Wallace & Gromit in The Curse of the Were-Rabbit (2005) Oscar-winning animated adventure, with the voice of Peter Sallis. 2.50 FILM: The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (2008) Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Ben Barnes. 5.05 BBC News; Regional News; Weather 5.30 FILM: Bolt (2008) Premiere. Animated adventure, with the voice of John Travolta. 7.00 EastEnders Pat's friends and

family gather by her bedside as her condition deteriorates rapidly – but the person she wants to see most of all, her son David, is not there.

8.10 Sherlock New series. Holmes investigates a case of blackmail threatening to topple the monarchy – only to become engaged in a battle of wits with a woman as brilliant as himself.

9.40 Absolutely Fabulous Edina 40 Absolutely Fabulous Edina signs a French movie actress in a bid to win Saffy's respect and bolster her client list – but the woman's talents turn out to be rather questionable. Jennifer Saunders stars.

10.10 BBC News: Weather 10.35 Adele Live at the Royal Albert Hall Coverage of the singer from September 2011. 11.35 FILM: Cold Mountain (2003) Period drama, starring Nicole Kidman and Jude Lav

2.00 Weatherview 2.05 BBC News

BBC2

6.00 CBBC 9.55 FILM: Gun Fury (1953) Western, starring Rock Hudson. 11.15 New Year's Day Concert from Vienna 2012 12.40 FILM: Dean Spanley (2008)
Premiere. Comedy drama, starr
Sam Neill. 2.15 FILM: Force 10 from Navarone (1978) Second World War adventure sequel world war adventure sequel, starring Harrison Ford. 4.15 The Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year Message 4.20 FILM: The Eagle Has Landed (1976) Second World War spy adventure, with

Michael Caine 6.30 You Have Been Watching David Croft Tribute to the TV comedy writer, who died in September, known for his work on the sittoms Dad's Army, 'Allo 'Allo! and Hi-de-Hi! 7.30 Dad's Army Captain

Mainwaring puts the defence of the realm before personal pride. 8.00 Great Barrier Reef New series. Monty Halls explores Australia's underwater ecosystem the Great Barrier ecosystem the cireat Barrier
Reef. He begins with a look at
the coral reef's structure and the
wildlife that inhabits it.
9.00 A History of Ancient Britain
Special: Orkney's Stone Age
Temple Neil Oliver reports on a

newly discovered 5,000-year-old temple on Orkney, which is helping to increase knowledge and understanding of the Neolithic people. 10.00 Match of the Day 2

Including highlights of Sunderland v Manchester City. 11.00 QI XL With Ross Noble, Jack Dee, Phill Jupitus. 11.45 FILM: Broken Flowers

(2005) Comedy drama, starring 1.25 BBC News 2.30 Close

6.00 CITV 8.15 FILM: Scooby-Doo and the Cyber Chase (2001) Animated adventure. with the voice of Bob Bergen. 9.25 FILM:

Beethoven (1991) Canine comedy starring Charles Grodin. 11.00

FILM: Licence to Kill (1989) James Bond spy thriller, starring Timothy Dalton. **1.30** ITV News; Weather 1.40 Inspector Morse 3.45 Downton Abbey 5.45 ITV News;

6.00 New You've Been Framed
Top 100 Kids! Harry Hill narrates a selection of camcorder calamities and camcorder calamities and viewers' mobile-phone footage from the archives, featuring messy eaters, troublesome teens and sibling rivalries. 7.00 FILM: Harry Potter and the

Half-Blood Prince (2009) Premiere. The wizard must uncover the secrets of Lord Voldemort's past to try to end his reign of terror. Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Daniel Radcliffe and Michael

Thaw A tribute to the actor who achieved fame playing DI Jack Regan in the gritty 1970s police drama The Sweeney, but whose most memorable role was as the opera-loving Inspector Morse.

10.45 ITV News; Weather

11.00 FILM: Analyze This (1999)

A mobster plagued by such anxiety that it leaves him anxiety that it leaves him incapable of killing seeks the aid of a psychiatrist to regain his ruthless edge. Comedy, with Robert De Niro and Billy Crystal. 12.50 Premiership Rugby Union 1.45 FILM: The Whole Ten Yards (2004). Complete seems 1.2 20 LTV. (2004) Comedy sequel, 3.20 ITV Nightscreen 5.55 ITV News

Channel 4

5.20 The Hoobs 6.45 FILM: The Land Before Time (1988) Animated adventure, with the voice of Gabriel Damon, 8.00 FILM: Arctic Tale (2007) Premiere.
Documentary on Arctic wildlife.
9.45 FILM: The Bridge on the River Kwai (1957) Oscar-winning Second World War drama, starring Alec Guinness, 12.50 Channel 4 Racing 3.20 FILM: True Grit (1969) Western, starring John Wayne. 5.45 Channel 4 News 5.55

4thought.tv 6.00 Deal or No Deal Contestants try to beat the banker and guess the contents of mystery boxes to win a big-money prize. With Noel Edmonds. 7.00 Come Dine with Me Full-

time mum Sheila hosts the first dinner party in Londonderry, Northern Ireland, hoping to impress call-centre worker Caroline, administrator Eunan and company director David.

Documentary exploring life at the Grosvenor Hotel, Torquay. Manager Mark faces a trying time when wedding celebration at the venue do not go to plan. 9.00 Bear's Wild Weekend with

Jonathan Ross Survival exper Jonathan Hoss Survival expert
Bear Grylls takes the chat show
host to little-known Canary
Island La Palma, where they
trek through dense jungle and
walk down an active volcano.
10.00 Hacks Phone-hacking

10.00 Hacks Phone-nacking satire, starring Claire Foy. 11.05 Big Fat Quiz of the Year 2011 Hosted by Jimmy Carr. 1.10 American Football Live 4.45 Road to London 2012: That Post Mergis Show E 10 Pact Paralympic Show **5.10** Post Modern Pastimes **5.25** Brothers &

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Meals in Moments 10.15 Meerkat Manor 10.45 The Top 10 Aussie Soap Moments 2011 11.45 World's Strongest Man 2011 12.45 FILM: Seven Brides for Seven Brother (1954) A cowboy decides to get narried, prompting his six hellraising brothers to kidnap brides for themselves. Stanley brides for themselves. Stanley
Donen's musical Western, starring
Howard Keel and Jane Powell. 2.50
FILM: The Wizard of Oz (1939) A
tornado whisks a young girl off to a
magical land where she embarks on a journey in search of the wizard who knows the way home. Musical fantasy, with Judy Garland 4.55 FILM: Return to Oz (1985)

Fantasy adventure. 6.55 5 News Weekend 7.00 World's Strongest Man 2011 James Richardson and Caroline
Pearce present the final from
Wingate University, North
Carolina.
8.00 An Audience with Dame
Edna: 1980 Antipodean

housewife superstar Dame Edna Everage answers questions about her life and career, entertaining a celebrity audience in this comedy specia first shown in 1980

9.15 Most Shocking Celebrity
Moments of 2011 Countdown o
the year's best celebrity gossip,
including Charlie Sheen's public
meltdown, Ryan Giggs's marital

mettdown, Hyan Giggss marital infidelities and Cheryl Cole's sacking from The X Factor USA. 12.10 The Truth About Cheryl Cole 1.10 SuperCasino 4.00 Meals in Moments 4.10 Nick's Quest 4.35 Divine Designs 5.00 Hana's Helpline 5.10 The Milkshakel Show 5.35 Thomas & Friends 5.45 Ranzy. 5.35 Thomas & Friends 5.45 Roam the Racing Car

Movie Choices

WHEN HARRY MET SALLY (1989) A man and a woman with different attitudes to life meet by chance and develop a close friendship. But over time, a mutual sexual attraction horize to develop and the actors begins to develop and threatens to ruin their relationship – raising the question whether raising the question whether men and women can ever really be just friends. Comedy, starring Billy Crystal. Sky Movies Comedy 4.30-6.15pm
UP (2009) An old man attaches UP (2009) An old man attaches thousands of balloons to his house so he can fly it to South America, and fulfil his late wife's dream of exploring the jungle. However, once airborne, he finds he has an unwanted stowaway in the shape of an excitable boy scout. Pixar animated adventure, with the voice of Ed Asner. Sky Movies Christmas 6.20-8pm INCEPTION (2010) A talented thief uses hi-tech devices to enter other people's dreams so he can steal their secrets. An industrialist hires him to perform a far more challenging job – to implant an idea into someone's mind, so they will think it is their own. However, the mission is compromised by the thief's own troubled psyche. Christopher Nolan's sol-fi thriller, starring Leonardo DiCaprio. Sky Movies Christmas 9.45pm-12.15am BLADE RUNNER: THE FINAL CUT (1892) A former cop in a bleak future Los Angeles is forced to return to duty for a mission to hunt down thousands of balloons to his

Angeles is forced to return to duty for a mission to hunt down and kill a group of renegade android replicants. The fugitives have escaped from a space colony to find their creator on Earth, Harrison Ford stars, Sky Movies Modern Greats

10pm-12am

Christmas Special 2.45 FILM: Richie Rich (1994) 4.45 FILM: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (2005) 7.00 All Star Family Fortunes Christmas Special 8.00 The Cube: Celebrity Special 9.00 FILM: I Am Legend (2007) A scientist tries to find a cure for a viral plague that turns humans into vampire-like creatures. Sci-fi thriller, with Will Smith and Alice Braga. 11.00 FILM: Terminator 2: Judgment Day (1991) 1.45 Britains Got More Talent 5.05 Teleshopping 5.35 ITV2 Nightscreen

Satellite & Digital

SKY1 6.00 Hour of Power 7.00 Inside Gatwick 10.00 WWE Superstars 11.00 WWE: Experience 12.00 Inside Gatwick 1.00 Chris & Wes: Lets bo This 4.00 Diversity Live: The Diversitoys Tour 5.00 The Simpsons 6.00 Got to Dance: Auditions 7.00 Treasure Island 9.00 Hawaii Five-0 10.00 NCIS: Los Angeles 11.00 An Idiot Abroad 2 1.00 A League of

Their Own 4.40 Road Wars 5.10 Sell Me

Their Own 4.40 Hodat wars 5.10 ccs. Inch Answer SKY ATLANTIC 6.00 The X Files 8.00 ER 1.00 Anthony Bourdain: No Reservations 2.00 The Devil's Dinner Party 3.00 Star Trek: Voyager 8.00 Inside the Actors Studio 9.00 Mildred Pierce 12.15 FILM: Road to Perdition (2002) 2.30 Alex Crawford: A Year to Remember 3.30 This Is Jinsy 4.00 The X Files BBC3 7.00 FILM: WALL.E (2008) Pixar animated adventure, with the voice of Ben

Burtt. 8.30 BURN E 8.40 Pixar: 25 Magic Moments 9.40 FILM: Ratatouille (2007) Pixar animated comedy, with the voice of Patton Oswatt. 11.20 EastEnders 12.30 Family Guy 1.55 American Dad! 3.25 Lee Nelson's Well Good Show 3.55 Pixar: 25 Magic Moments 4.55 Him & Her 5.25 Close

Close BBC4 7.00 New Year's Day Concert from Vienna 2012 9.00 FILM: Half a Sixpence (1967) The life of a humble draper's assistant in Edwardian London is

transformed when he unexpectedly inherits his grandfather's fortune. Musical, starring Tommy Steele and Julia Foster. 11.20 Come Bell Riniging with Charles Hazlewood 12.20 Still Ringing After All These Years: A Short History of Bells 1.20 The Rattigan Enigma by Benedict Cumberbatch 2.20 New Year's Day Concert from Vienna 2012 4.20 Close TTV2 6.00 Emmerdale 9.45 Coronation Street 12.45 The Corrie Years 1.15 Peter Andre: My Life 2.15 You've Been Framed!

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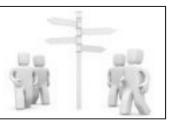
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NCT Bumps and Babies, social group for expectant and new mums, Langham Hall, Langham Crescent, Billericay, every Tuesday 1-2.30pm. 01268 452781. Top Cats Social Club, (Southend Mencap),

Castle View School, Meppel Avenue, Carrvey, Tuesdays 7-9.45pm, for adults with learning disabilities age 25 plus, £2 per session, membership details 01702 341250.

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Mum2Mum, Breastfeeding support group, St Michael's Church Annexe, Sir Walter Raleigh Drive, Rayleigh, Tuesdays 10.30am-noon, pregnant mums welcome. 07801 097605.

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■ Breastfeeding Support Group, St Andrew's Church, London Road, Wickford, Tuesdays 2-4pm, donation £1 to cover refreshments.

Wednesday, December 21

■ Walk, South East Essex Ramblers Group, meet Priory Park car park, 10am, flat easy walk via Churchill Gardens along cliffs to Chalkwell, return via Prittle Brook, call Ted on 01702 619132.

■ Meeting, Roche Art Group, St Teresa's
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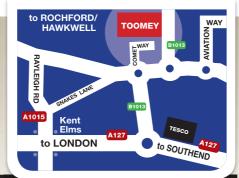








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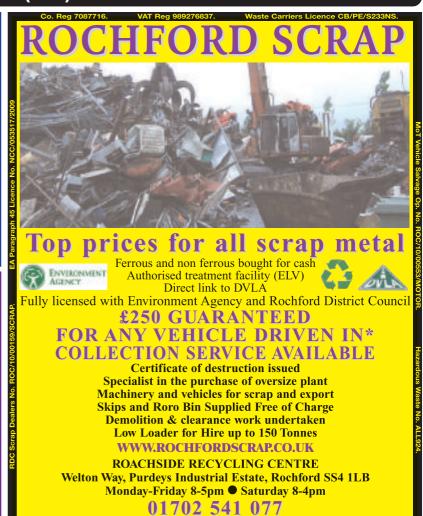
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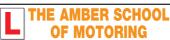
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You certainly can't fault the persistence of Lexus. Its GS executive saloon first arrived on these shores in 1993 and singularly failed to match the impact created by the LS400 luxury saloon. Since then, each successive generation of the GS has closed the gap on the market leaders but has never really given them sleepless nights. The GS450h hybrid exploited a small niche but without a diesel

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bled.
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Will fourth time prove a charm? The new GS450h remains rear-driven but is powered by a comprehensively worked-over petrol-electric drivetrain, with a 3.5-litre naturally aspirated V6 and two 35kw electric motors sharing the responsibilities. As before, the GS can be driven on electric-only power at low speeds

but when the petrol V6 kicks in you certainly know it, thanks to the sportier tuning of the exhaust note.

'The always impressive performance and exceptional refinement have been further improved but the real revelation is the chassis. The Lexus GS has rarely drawn criticism from testers based on its ride quality but those looking for an engaging drive often felt a little short changed. True, BMW and Jaguar cover that base very well but the Japanese felt that by basing themselves at the far end of the comfort continuum, they were missing out on many European customers who craved a little more involvement.

The front suspension features aluminium upper and lower control arms with larger bushings while the rear end gets an entirely redesigned subframe to house a lightweight multi-link setup.

One benefit of the stiffer platform and lighter components is that the shock absorbers can use lighter viscosity oil, responding faster to subtle driver inputs. Extensive use of aluminium reduces unsprung weight and results in significantly improved agility, ride comfort, body control and steering precision. The 450h gets the dynamic handling pack as standard which introduces rear-wheel steering for sharper turn-in responses.

for sharper turn-in responses.

The fourth generation GS is a more confident piece of design than any that have gone before it. While it's not quite swaggering, it's not hiding its light under a bushel. The front

rspincie grille is a design touch that will feature on all new Lexus models and combines with deep-set head-lights and L-shaped LED daytime

running lights. The bulging wheel arches give the car a less slab-sided look than its predecessors and emphasis the muscularity of the design. A short front over-

A short front overhang also helps promote an impression of dynamism. Move

round to the back and you'll find a bumper assembly that features a diffuser and aero fins to help control underbody airflow. Glass flake paintwork is also offered, with an almost high-definition look to its metallic finish.

The cabin looks even more special and unlike previous generations of the GS, it looks as if a real effort has gone into the styling rather than concentrate on function to the detriment of aesthetics.

The layout of the long, sculpted dash gives the driver and front passenger a sense of roominess through its clean centre stack and large high-resolution display screen.

Most of the comfort and convenience controls such as audio and climate are relocated to provide a cleaner and more sophisticated dash layout. Redesigned seats and changes to the steering column give more space and better comfort as well as improved forward visibility to

the driver. The door openings offer easier entry and exit and boot access is improved with a wider, deeper opening. Luggage capacity

has been increased by almost 25 per cent.

The range-topping GS450h hybrid is predictably opulent and extravagantly kitted out with a standard equipment list that includes DVD audio and video

compatibility, MP3 sound enhancement, 5.1 Surround Sound, and a high-resolution eight-inch central control display centrally located high up in the instrument panel.

While we tend to take Lexus quality and technology for granted, we don't always expect style. This latest GS is an impressive looking car and the interior is a very smart piece of design.

Jon a par with Jaguar or Audi? Let's just say it's different - and for some that peaceful yet potent hybrid powertrain will be enough to sway the argument.

It's a Japanese take on things but no less impressive for that. There's little doubt that some customers would prefer a conventional diesel engined model, and we'd be surprised if there wasn't one in preparation. But even as things stand, there's no reason why this fourth generation GS can't comfortably eclipse its forebears.

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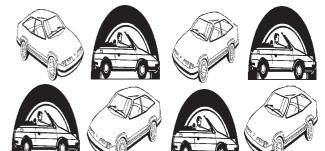
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ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL FOOTPATH 20 and FOOTPATH 23

FOULNESS IN THE DISTRICT OF ROCHFORD PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2011

The above Order was confirmed on 2nd December, 2011 under section 119 of the Highways Act 1980. The effect of the Order will be to divert Footpath 20 from a route currently going across ditches and drainage channels to an alternative route further north through existing culverts and so avoiding crossing channels which require bridges. Part of Footpath 23 will also be diverted from the current route running parallel with Byway 18 to an alternative route further north on the other side of the field, providing a circular route with the byway. A copy of the Order and Order Map have been placed in and may be seen free of charge at Rochford District Council Offices, South Street, Rochford and at the Chelmsford Public Library, Market Road, Chelmsford during normal working hours. Copies of the Order and Order map are available on request from the Chelmsford Library at a charge.

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Dated 15th December, 2011

CHRIS SMITH, HEAD OF HIGHWAYS MANAGEMENT, County Hall, Market Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1QH

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(AMENDMENT NO.3) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The Southend-on-Sea Borough Council proposes to make the above Order under Sections 1, 2, 4, 32, 35, and 61 (and part IV of Schedule 9) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act"), and The Road Traffic Act 1991 and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act, of 1984 as amended by Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004. The effect of which will amend the above-mentioned Consolidation Order by adding and revoking the items listed in the schedules below.

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R. Tinlin, Chief Executive & Town Clerk

Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue Southend-on-Sea, Essex SS2 6ER

Dated: 14th December 2011

SCHEDULE 1 - Additions (i) THE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL (CENTRAL AREA AND SEAFRONT METER ZONE) (CONSOLIDATION) ORDER 2005 (as amended) (AMENDMENT NO.3) ORDER 2011 - Schedule 1 -

1a Seafront Areas - Areas with Loading Bays Maximum stay 20 minutes

Description and Length of Road Road Name

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- c) from a point 30.5m East of the East Kerbline of Hartington Road, Eastwards for a distance of 37m with a width throughout of 2.7m
- d) from a point 19m East of the East Kerbline of Pleasant Road, Eastwards for a distance of 20m with a width throughout of 2.7m

(ii) THE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL (CENTRAL AREA AND SEAFRONT METER ZONE) (CONSOLIDATION) ORDER 2005 (as amended) (AMENDMENT NO.3) ORDER 2011 - Schedule 2,

Part I - Roads Where Waiting is Restricted

No. of Road 34

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Part II - No Loading At Anytime

Western Esplanade

Road Name Description and Length of Road

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Marine Parade Southend On the North side

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Barking and Southend courageous in defeats

THREE tries in the last 15 minutes ensured a harsh scoreline on Barking who went down 44-

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Kersey helps GB to cross country gold

Athletics

A YOUNG athlete from Romford helped Great Britain to win team gold in the European Cross Country Championships on Saturday.

Gemma Kersey, who is trained by former GB long distance runner Eamonn Martin at Basildon Athletics Club, was selected to represent her nation at the championships held in Velenje, Slovenia.

She finished in an excellent 16th place in the junior women's 4km race in a time of 13:53, helping the GB and Northern Ireland squad win team gold.

Gemma started steadily, moving from 32nd at the end of the first 500m lap and 24th after the second 500m lap through to 19th with one 1500m lap to go.

The race was won by Gemma's GB team-mate Emelia Gorecka in

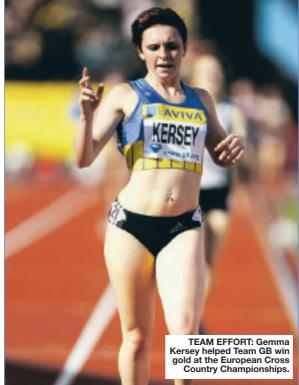
13:13 with Annabel Gummow (6th) and Kate Holt (17th) also contributing to the team's gold medal score of 40 points ahead of Russia's 43. Gemma said: "It was amazing. I

wasn't nervous at all. I was just really hyped because it was my first race for the Aviva GB Team and the atmosphere got me going.
"I'm pleased that I finished as the

third British athlete and the team gold medal topped it off."

It has been a great year for Gemma, who was chosen to be part of the 'On Camp with Kelly' Future Stars programme, run by Dame Kelly Holmes.

She has taken victories in the Under-20 invitation 3000m event at the Crystal Palace Grand Prix, and won on her England debut to win the Under-20's Women's Cross Country race in Burgos, Spain, which was also her first international race



13 at Rosslyn Park on Saturday in National League One The result still leaves Barking second bottom, but it was a better performance for the Eastenders, who found themselves 13-10 down

at half-time with Andrew Henderson scoring their solitary try and Chris Ashwin kicking two penalties and a conversion.

Park showed their quality in the second half despite Barking's efforts. Ashwin kicked a penalty for their only points of the half.

Southend put up a brave display against National Two South leaders Richmond on Saturday, but went down 16-27 at Warners Park.

In a close encounter, Southend just ran out of steam in the second half. Their tries came from Billy Driver and Simon Hoult, with the latter also kicking two penalties.

In National League Three London & South East, Westcliff scored an impressive 26-52 victory at London Irish Amateurs.

Leaders Thurrock continued their good run in London One North, beating Eton Manor 15-24, while Brentwood saw off second place Colchester 32-28.

Chingford won 22-19 against Letchworth Garden City while Rochford Hundred slipped down to second bottom, losing 26-20 at Ruis-

West Ham United

as Reading triumph

WEST Ham United crashed to a 3-0 defeat at Reading on Saturday after being reduced to

Championship leaders Southampton, had substitute Joey O'Brien and Jack Collison sent off, which helped Reading on their way with a double from Simon Church and Alex Pearce's

Hammers boss Sam Allardyce was not impressed with the discipline shown by his

here, particularly Joey O'Brien, cost us a result today. It's not like him and he's not that sort of character. Then we let the opposition score from the free-kick instead of organising ourselves to

With leaders Southampton drawing 2-2 against Blackpool in the early kick-off, the Irons could have gone joint top if they took the three points, but the Royals showed they would be no pushovers.

went close for the hosts in the first half, while

The match burst into life on 65 minutes when

The resulting free-kick was cleared, but McAnuff put the ball back into Pearce's path

Reading dominated the remainder of the match and made it two on 80 minutes when substitute Church tapped home Adam Le Fon-

lenge on Kebe. Their miserable afternoon was complete

the resulting free-kick. ■ The Hammers host Barnsley on Saturday,

when Church headed in Ian Harte's cross from

Irons lose their cool

The Irons, who are now three points behind

He said: "Unfortunately a loss of control by the players that I haven't seen before in my time see it out to a 0-0 draw."

Noel Hunt Jimmy Kebe and Jem Karacan all Collison fired over the bar for the Hammers.

Papa Bouba Diop thought he had put West Ham ahead, but his toe-poked shot was cleared off the line by Hunt.

O'Brien received his second yellow card when he tripped Jobi McAnuff.

who slot home from eight yards.

dre's chip. The Irons lost the plot and were down to nine men when Collison saw red for a reckless chal-

kick-off 3pm.

Lacklustre Blues lose out at promotion rivals



manager questioned his side's desire against Cheltenham.

Southend United

SOUTHEND United's run of five consecutive away wins was comprehensively ended by fellow League Two promotion rivals Cheltenham Town, who were 3-0 victors on Saturday.

To rub more salt into the wounds, the Blues lost the lead at the top to Crawley Town who now have a three point advantage.

Goals from Jimmy Spencer, Russ Penn and Marlon Pack sealed the victory for the Robins, who are now just a point behind the Shrimpers, and also ended their unbeaten league run of 12

Blues player-coach, Graham Coughlan, had no excuses with the defeat. He

said: "The better team won. It could have been four or five to be honest. We had one shot on goal all day, which is not good enough.

"It is very frustrating for me watching from the sidelines. I wasn't the best of footballers, but the one thing I had was desire and passion."

The hosts took the lead after 20 minutes when Penn breezed past Jean-Paul Kalala and Peter Gilbert before cutting the ball back for Spencer to slot the ball home past Blues keeper Luke Daniels.

The Blues failed to test Robins keeper Jack Butland in the first half, and they started the second half on the backfoot, falling further behind on 52

Penn's shot was parried by Daniels

into the path of Spencer but his shot was brilliantly cleared off the line by Gilbert.

Pack struck the full-back's clearance against the crossbar, but Blues' luck did not hold out as Penn was on hand to finally turn the ball home. Minutes later Pack once again struck

the woodwork with a 30-yard effort which hit the inside of the post and bounced along the line.

But he got the goal he deserved, beating Chris Barker and firing his left foot shot into the corner ten minutes from time.

■ The Blues were due to travel to Oldham Athletic in the FA Cup Second Round replay last night (Tuesday), and host Bradford City on Friday.

Ted Llewellyn earned Brentwood a

point. Bottom club Ilford drew 2-2 at

home to Soham Town Rangers. Mar-

tin Bromwich's own goal put Ilford ahead, but the visitors took the lead

Stephen Opoka made sure Ilford are

Great Wakering Rovers had to settle

for a 2-2 draw at home with Waltham

Courtney White put Forest ahead

only for Julian Okai to bring Wakering

just a point behind Ware, scoring with

through two Dan Cotton penalties.

ten minutes to go.

Forest.

Rocks produce Trophy shock while Clarets knocked out

Non-League Football

RYMAN League Premier's East Thurrock United produced a giant-killing in the FA Trophy First Round on Saturday, dumping out Conference South high-flyers Welling United 2-1. The Rocks, who play in a division below Welling, took the lead on four

minutes through Matt Hall.

Welling equalised thanks to Andy Pugh on the half-hour mark, but Sam Higgins scored a minute later with what proved to be the winner.

Conference South's Chelmsford City had no answer to Conference National's bottom team Bath City who ran out 3-2 victors at Melbourne Sta-

Marc Canham's penalty on 49 minutes put the visitors ahead, but City equalised five minutes later, also through the penalty spot through Craig Parker.

Scott Murray put Bath back infront on 66 minutes and Jamie Cook made it three two minutes from time

Parker scored his second for the Clarets in stoppage time but it was too little, too late.

AFC Hornchurch will face a replay at Conference South Farnborough, as both sides played out a goalless draw.

Thurrock, under caretaker management team Grant Gordon, Lee Goodwin and Paul Joynes, lost their first game in charge 3-2 at Eastleigh to remain bottom.

Graeme Montgomery (28), Billy Tsovolos (39) and Jamie Brown (43) gave the hosts a 3-0 lead, but quickfire goals from Nathan Ashton (82) and Jamie Guy (pen 90) ensured a

In Ryman League Premier, Billericay Town were held to a 1-1 draw at home by Margate.

Benson Kpaka fired Blues ahead but they were pegged back by Richard Avery's goal on 79 minutes.

Concord Rangers gave their relegation battle a boost with a 2-1 win at

Lewes. Sherwin Stanley put Concord ahead on 39 minutes with Steve King's own goal putting Lewes back on level terms.

But Concord were not to be denied with Tony Stokes scoring the winner on the hour mark.

Danny Heale's goal in the second minute of stoppage time in the second half earned Canvey Island a 1-0 win over bottom side Horsham.

The form book was turned on its head in Ryman League Division One North, with Romford drawing 2-2 at play-off chasing AFC Sudbury.

Ellis Skidmore scored two goals inside the first eight minutes to put Boro ahead, but Sudbury fought back through Richard Howell's double.

Tilbury failed to take advantage of Sudbury's draw following their goal-less draw at Maldon & Tiptree, while Brentwood came from 2-0 down to draw 2-2 at FA Cup heroes Redbridge.

Lewis Dark and Joe Gardner put the Motormen ahead, but Ryan Edgar and

Michael Pindy put the hosts ahead but Manu Dagher made it all square on 72 minutes. Heybridge Swifts won 4-1 at Cheshunt. Tom Broadhurst, Luke Callander and Solomon Ofori put

Broadhurst scored the fourth in the 63rd minutes, with Cheshunt scoring

Swifts ahead inside the first 20 min-

late on through Jamie Smith.

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What will you recycle this Christmas?

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council and Cory Environmental would like to thank all residents for recycling during 2011. In July we recycled over half our waste - a record for a single month!

Let's recycle even more during 2012!









Household Waste Recycling Centres



Switch on your WEEE recycling

Every year in Britain, we throw away half a million tonnes of electrical equipment. Christmas is a key time of the year, as many of us will be buying at least one present powered by electricity or battery, and we will be replacing our old toys or appliances.

So, this year, why not recycle your old electrical items? You can recycle items such as Christmas lights, DVD players, computers, i-Pod docking stations - in fact, anything with a plug or powered by batteries - at one of the Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs). These are located at Stock Road, Southend-on-Sea and Leigh Marshes, Leigh-on-Sea. Both sites are open all year round except for Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.









New to October 2011 'Rigid plastics recycling'

Rigid plastics can now be recycled at the HWRCs in Southend! This new service was introduced in October 2011 as the opportunity to recycle this type of material became available. This was also in response to requests by residents that they would like to be able to recycle this type of material. The types of materials which can now be recycled include:



Plastic garden furniture (with metal parts removed)

✓ Plastic plant pots

✓ CD/DVD cases

Plastic plates and cutlery

Plastic guttering

Plastic storage containers

Please note that rigid plastics cannot be recycled in the pink sacks as these are taken to a different facility.

For further details on recycling at the Household Waste Recycling Centres, please visit www.southend.gov.uk/hwrc



Christmas tree lights are discarded in the UK over the Christmas period.

Don't forget that these can be recycled at

the HWRCs!

thrown out in the UK during the festive season, from champagne and sherry bottles to mincemeat and cranberry sauce jars. Recycling all of them could save the equivalent of 4,200 tonnes of CO2 being produced, which is equivalent to taking around 1,300 cars off the road for one year or not taking 630 around the

world flights.







Christmas Hints and Tips

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Have a Green Christmas!

Why not take up the chance to recycle your Real Christmas Tree this Christmas. Cory Environmental is providing a free recycling service for real Christmas trees. To use this service, simply place your real Christmas tree at the edge of your property, in a visible position. Please ensure trees are free from all decorations and ensure pots are removed. Cory will then collect the



tree within ten working days. If it hasn't been collected after this period please contact Southend-on-Sea Borough Council on (01702) 215006 so that a collection can be arranged.

You can also take your Christmas tree to the Household Waste Recycling Centres. All real Christmas trees will be sent for composting.

Recycle your Aerosols

your scheduled collection day.

Empty aerosols can now be recycled in your pink recycling sack! With such a comprehensive range of materials now collected in the pink recycling sacks we can now divert even more waste from landfill, and help the environment in the process.

What can you recycle in your Pink and Clear sacks this Christmas?

Please use your pink sack for the following:



All paper including wrapping paper, junk mail, envelopes, catalogues, newspaper, magazines.



Steel and Aluminium food and drink cans. aerosols, clean ready meal and pie foil trays, takeaway containers and cooking foil.



All household plastic packaging including food and beverage containers, bottles, tubs, bags, film and bubble wrap.



Cardboard sleeves for ready meals, cereal boxes, greetings cards. tetra paks i.e cartons. toilet roll tubes.



Glass Unbroken glass bottles and jars (all different colours). No need to remove labels.

Please use your clear sack for for these items



Textiles Clean and dry textile, including clothes, paired shoes, worn or torn (but clean) clothing can still be recycled.

Why not recycle your wrapping paper, Christmas cards, gift tags and all your chocolate and sweet tins in your pink sack this Christmas!

The types of aerosol cans that can be placed into your pink sack include:

- Deodorants
- Hairspray
- Bug spray
- Oven cleaner
- Air freshener



What can you recycle in your food waste bin this Christmas?

The service is simple and easy to use and is a great way of recycling leftovers and out-ofdate food which in turn prevents food waste going to landfill, where it produces methane, a powerful greenhouse gas. You can wrap your food waste in newspaper to form a parcel and place it directly into the blue collection bin. If you prefer, you can use compostable food waste liners. Please ensure your collection bin is available from 7.00am on

Don't forget a blue bin is not just for Christmas, but for all year round! To order a blue food waste caddy/or bin, or to find out where you can purchase compostable food waste liners from (at a cost of £1.25 for a roll of 25 liners), please visit www.southend.gov.uk/foodwaste or call Southend-on-Sea Borough Council (01702) 215006.

















For great recipe ideas for your festive leftovers, visit www.lovefoodhatewaste.com







Christmas Services

Revised Collection Dates

Over the Christmas and New Year period collection days will alter. Please refer to the table below to identify your revised collection dates.

Normal collection day	Revised collection day
Monday 26th December 2011	Wednesday 28th December 2011
Tuesday 27th December 2011	Thursday 29th December 2011
Wednesday 28th December 2011	Friday 30th December 2011
Thursday 29th December 2011	Saturday 31st December 2011
Friday 30th December 2011	Tuesday 3rd January 2012
Monday 2nd January 2012	Wednesday 4th January 2012
Tuesday 3rd January 2012	Thursday 5th January 2012
Wednesday 4th January 2012	Friday 6th January 2012
Thursday 5th January 2012	Saturday 7th January 2012
Friday 6th January 2012	Monday 9th January 2012
Monday 9th January 2012	Tuesday 10th January 2012
Tuesday 10th January 2012	Wednesday 11th January 2012
Wednesday 11th January 2012	Thursday 12th January 2012
Thursday 12th January 2012	Friday 13th January 2012
Friday 13th January 2012	Saturday 14th January 2012

Please ensure all sacks or bins are available for collection from 7.00am, in a visible location at the front boundary of your property. Please do not place on the public footpath, highway or verge. For more information about recycling visit www.southend.gov.uk/recycling or call Southend-on-Sea Borough Council on (01702) 215006.

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This site has been set up to keep all residents updated on the latest information on recycling in Southend-on-Sea. Cory Environmental and Southend-on-Sea Borough Council would like residents to share their recycling tips and photos of the great work that is being done to recycle in Southend. Simply visit www.facebook.com and search for Southend Recycling Champions.







